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GREAT BATTLE OF THE MEUSE: LIEGE FORTRESSES IN ACTION



NAZIS REPORTED ACROSS MEUSE RIVER AT TWO POINTS: BELGIANS RESIST

ALTHOUGH THE POSITION IN BELGIUM AND HOLLAND THIS MORNING IS OBSCURE, THE GERMAN INVADERS APPEAR TO HAVE CROSSED EITHER THE MEUSE RIVER (CALLED THE MAAS IN HOLLAND) AND POSSIBLY THE FAMOUS ALBERT CANAL.

Reuter reports that they have succeeded in effecting a crossing over the Meuse some miles north of Liege but the message does not state whether the crossing was effected north or south of the Albert Canal.

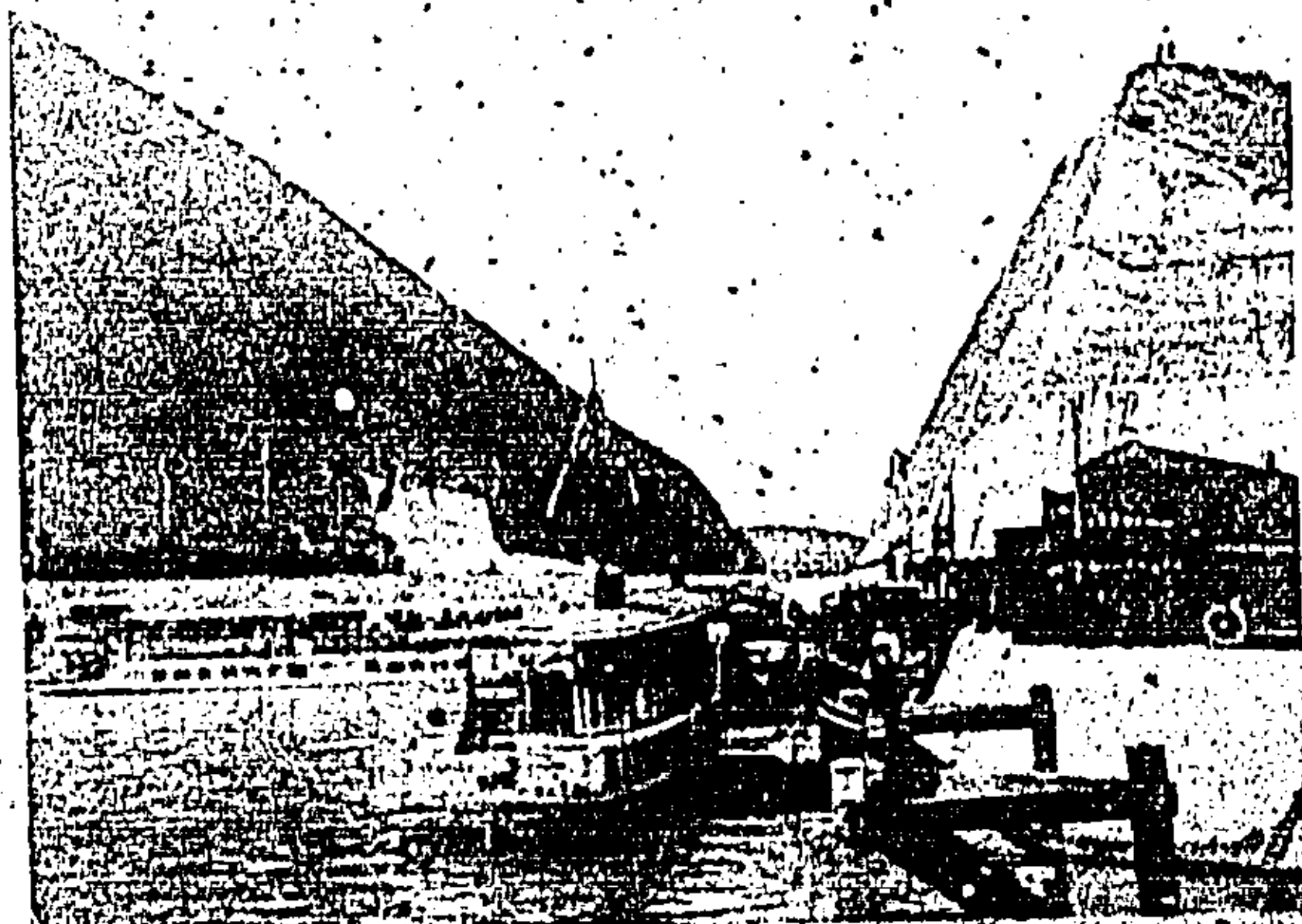
If the latter, as claimed by the Germans themselves, it would appear that the famous Albert Canal defences have been flanked and are therefore compromised.

Another Reuter message reports that the invaders have crossed the lower Albert Canal by a bridge which links the Maastricht Tongue highway with Maastricht.

Guarded By Famed Fort

This highway is guarded by the famous Ebenmael fortresses which held out against the 1914 German invasion for nearly three weeks. The Germans claimed, yesterday, to have taken this fortress.

The crossing of the Meuse north of Liege was effected at the identical point where the Germans succeeded in pushing across the river just over a quarter of a century ago.



THE ALBERT CANAL, which the Germans claim to have crossed. The canal connects Antwerp on the Scheldt with Liege on the Meuse and can take ships up to 2,000 tons.

The southern bank of the canal is highly fortified against invasion from the north, but a weakness is the Meuse River, over which the Germans can cross behind Liege to flank the canal defences. The Albert Canal (named after the late King Albert) was opened three years ago. Part of the surrounding area can be inundated.

British Cabinet Changes

DUFF-COOPER BACK AGAIN

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter). — Sir Kingsley Wood, formerly Air Minister, then Lord Privy Seal, is the new Chancellor of the Exchequer under the Premiership of Mr. Winston Churchill.

The appointment is by far the most dramatic of Mr. Churchill's reorganised Cabinet.

Sir John Simon, who recently introduced a record budget, which sent the standard income tax to 7s. 6d. in the Pound, and which increased the price of whiskey to 18s. 6d. a bottle, has been deposed.

Sir John's new appointment is that of Lord Chancellor.

Malcolm MacDonald Out

Mr. MacDonald, who was Secretary for the Colonies, and Lloyd, formerly High Commissioner in Palestine.

Sir John Anderson retains his post as Home Secretary.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, who was Postmaster-General, now becomes

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LATEST ATTACK ON MAGINOT LINE

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—With speed and precision, the Allied advance troops are taking up their posts beside the Dutch and Belgians.

More and more troops are pouring in with their support.

Events are developing in the Saarland, south of Luxembourg, and at the northern end of the Maginot Line, where fighting broke out on Saturday night.

The German artillery there is keeping up a violent fire.

A Paris expert says that this is a most serious offensive against the Maginot Line and the scale of significance seems to be seen.

The main German drive seems to be directed at the regions near the Albert Canal in Belgium and the Moselle south of Luxembourg.

This might mean that they are either trying to turn the flank of the Maginot Line or that they are trying to drive a wedge through to the sea between Belgium and Holland.

M. Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, told press representatives yesterday that events were developing just as they had been expected by the Belgian General Staff.

Since Saturday night the situation was more or less stabilised.

A Belgian communiqué says that

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Fascists Set On Briton Anti-English Demonstrations Englishman Chased In Rome Street

ROME, May 12 (Reuter).—Anti-British posters appearing on walls in Rome led to an incident yesterday when an Englishman who tore down a poster was set upon by Blackshirts.

This Englishman was with three friends, including an Englishwoman and an American. He was chased into a hotel.

Official Protest

When Sir Charles Noel, the British Minister, intervened, an anti-British poster was stuck on his car but it was removed after he had telephoned the Italian Foreign Office.

Activity of Fascist extremists was also evidenced by the burning of a number of copies of the Vatican organ, "Osservatore Romano," in the street last night.

Bundles of copies of this impartial newspaper were bought up by mysterious persons as soon as they reached the newspaper kiosks in order to prevent them from reaching the public.

BOMB WOMEN, CHILDREN

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—According to a Dutch radio station broadcast, the Germans bombed two towns full of women and children bound from Liege to Brussels.

Nazis Threat Of Reprisals

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—"Immediate and most violent reprisals" for any ill-treatment of German parachutists are threatened in an announcement by the official German news agency.

It declares that parachutists are part of the Germans' regular troops and adds: "Their special uniform is not camouflaged and cannot be mistaken for the uniform of foreign armies or civilian clothes."

PROTECTION BY ALLIES

Dutch West Indies Action Explained

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—It is emphasised in authoritative quarters in London that the despatch of an Allied force to Curacao and Aruba in the West Indies was decided in full agreement with the Netherlands Government to ensure that the Governor has at his disposal sufficient forces to prevent sabotage of the refineries.

Despite the energetic action already taken by the Governor, it is considered essential that additional forces should be immediately available to cope with any emergency.

As soon as the Netherlands Government is satisfied that security is fully established or such additional forces are available, the British and French forces will be withdrawn.

Britain And The D.E.I.

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Authoritative circles state that His Majesty's Government have previously expressed their interest in the maintenance of the status quo in the Netherlands East Indies.

This attitude remains unchanged, and they have no intention whatever of intervening in the East Indies nor has any suggestion been made from any quarter that they should do so.

Nazis Lose 100 Planes In Day

BRUSSELS, May 12 (Reuter).—More than one hundred German aeroplanes were shot down over Belgium to-day by the Allies air forces.

R.A.F. Take Toll

WITH THE B.E.F. SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, May 12 (Reuter).—Seven German bombers before breakfast, and three enemy fighters this afternoon is the record achieved by the British Hurricane squadron, manned by ex-auxiliary pilots, sometimes called "week-end" airmen.

The squadron only recently reached France but within 30 minutes of its arrival shot down a raiding Heinkel.

One pilot alone damaged four enemy aircraft.

Three twin-engined Messerschmitts and two single-engined fighters were later destroyed. The other machines were so riddled with bullets that their safe return to Germany is considered extremely doubtful.

ROME PROTEST

British Embassy And Demonstration

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—It is learned in authoritative circles in London that the British Ambassador in Rome has asked the Italian Government for an explanation of the incident in Rome on May 11 in which members of the British Embassy staff are reported to have been molested.

It is further learned that he has been instructed by the British Government to draw the attention of the Italian Government to the unfortunate impression likely to be created by posters of an anti-British character.

Officer Blows Himself Up With Bridge

OFFICIAL STORY OF BELGIUM INVASION

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Broadcasting to the Belgian people this evening, the Prime Minister, M. Lubert Pierlot, gave an account of the military situation "with all frankness and truth."

After saying that he trusted that public opinion would keep "that calm and firmness which is required by the circumstances," M. Pierlot said that on Friday the enemy was unable to penetrate Belgian territory at any point on any considerable scale.

Thorough demolitions immediately carried out everywhere along the frontier checked the enemy advance but yesterday north of the Albert Canal the enemy succeeded in crossing because the officer charged to destroy two bridges next to Maastricht was killed by an aerial bomb.

This caused a delay in carrying out the order with the result that the enemy occupied the two bridges and crossed them with motorised forces.

Heroic Sacrifice

Later, however, a Belgian Officer penetrated the German lines, reached the mine chambers and blew himself up with the bridge, heroically sacrificing his life in the accomplishment of his duty.

Thus the enemy had only one bridge left at his disposal.

Across this he attacked Belgian

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Reserve officers of all ranks, including generals, must report for their military situation to be reviewed

TO BE SHOT OUT OF HAND

PARIS, May 12 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Germans wearing any other uniform than their own who may be found in France will be immediately shot.

PARISIENS WARNED OF PARACHUTE DANGER

PARIS, May 12 (Reuter).—The Military Governor of Paris has requested everybody to exercise the utmost vigilance and report promptly the appearance of any parachutists or enemy aeroplanes making attempted landings.

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POSTAGE STAMPS

have Started **WARS**

IN the South Atlantic, some 300 miles east of the Argentine Coast, lie the Falkland Islands. A perpetual mist enshrouds them. Rain falls on 250 days in the year, and the national dress of the islands is the mackintosh.

Some half-a-dozen nations have had, at different times, a hand in colonising these islands, which were ceded to Britain in 1771 and formally became a British colony in 1833. The Argentine has, however, always made a claim to the Falkland Islands, regarding them as illegally occupied, and a recent issue of Argentine stamps—one of which is reproduced—shows the islands quite plainly as Argentine territory.

The British Minister in Buenos Aires drew the attention of the Argentine Government to the fact that "no useful purpose can be served by such actions as the issue of the stamps in question," and there—thanks to the good sense of both nations—the matter ended.

Differences aroused by the issue of postage-stamps have not always been so simply settled in the past, and stamps can be numbered among the thousand-and-one ridiculous and trifling pretexts upon which the nations of the world have at various times thought fit to go to war.



PARAGUAYAN SOLDIERS FIRING ON BOLIVIANS

For seven years war raged in the swamps and fever-infested jungles of the Gran Chaco claimed by both Bolivia and Paraguay. The issue of a postage stamp in 1927 claiming the whole of the "Chaco Boreal" was Paraguay's first attempt to annex the disputed territory.

use of the stamp as an offence against their feelings as good Moslems, and crowds rushed to attack Post Offices in Cairo and elsewhere.



the choice was wavering between the Isthmus of Panama and Nicaragua.

OIL has been the world's biggest trouble-causer for 50 years.

In 1895 business groups in Venezuela, backed by the U.S., started a movement claiming 60,000 square miles of British territory on the border of British Guiana and Venezuela.



The agitation had the support of the U.S. President, Grover Cleveland.

It was even hinted that in case of trouble military support to Venezuela would not be lacking.

Tension reached its climax with the issue of the stamp above—showing the disputed territory on the river Orinoco as belonging to Venezuela.

Happily, the dispute was submitted to arbitration, the stamp withdrawn, and a peaceful settlement reached in Paris in 1897.

Song Under The Earth

From I. E. A. HEALY, "Daily Mirror" Correspondent with the French Army

THE Maginot guns were roaring, and the ground shuddering with the blast when I left the sunshine and entered the fortress to descend into the earth. There I heard noise of a different character.

It was the sound of applause from off-duty troops who were listening to their first Maginot Line concert given by one of the touring Army theatres instituted by the French.

The hall was one of the hundreds-of-yards-long galleries of the fortress, along which run normally the electric train services.

"The Hum Flit"

The troops enjoyed a flattering song by a French comic about Britain's Home Fleet. His humour was better than his English, because the nearest he could get in pronunciation was "The Hum Flit."

I was interested to observe that the songs which gained the greatest tributes of silence and applause in turn from these fortress troops were not the naughty songs of Paris. They were "A Little Love, a Little Kiss," and "Little Man You've Had a Busy Day."

BITTER and bloody warfare was carried on Bolivia and Paraguay—at tremendous cost to the wealth and youth of both countries—for the possession of the Gran Chaco, before peace was finally brought about with the assistance of the League of Nations.

The south-western parts of the Gran Chaco are Argentine territory, and the northern districts were divided up, by a treaty of 1895, into nearly equal halves between Bolivia and Paraguay.

The boundary, however, was left vague and had been for some time a matter of dispute when, in 1927, Paraguay issued the lower one of the two stamps shown above. In it the whole of the disputed territory is marked "Chaco Paraguayo."

The stamp caused tremendous resentment at La Paz, capital of Bolivia, and the Government was urged to take reprisals. They issued a stamp of their own—above—showing the district as "Chaco Boliviano." This stamp-war here was all very well, but soon clashes occurred between frontier guards—and once more nations were at war over a quibble!



ABOVE is the stamp issued by Dominica in 1900, showing Haiti almost crowded out of her own island.

Ardent patriots of Haiti gathered in the capital, Port au Prince, ready to lay down their lives against this paper invasion.

Luckily the artist who drew the stamp confessed his error, the issue was withdrawn and the troops disbanded after a few minor clashes.

IN 1898 the well-known stamp with the camel post-rider was issued in the Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.

Nobody objected to the stamp, but it was printed on paper, having as watermark the cross-shaped lotus flower. Many of the natives regarded the

Trouble in Egypt was only one of many disturbances occurring on account of postage-stamps, sometimes, as in this case, purely the result of a misunderstanding and without any deliberate design, on other occasions stamps have been issued expressly to inflame national feeling, to lay claim to territory in dispute, or to glorify one country at the expense of its neighbours.

IN 1881 it was a postage-stamp which decided the fate of the Panama Canal.

It had been decided to construct a waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific, but

The construction of the canal promised enormous benefits to the country through which it passed, and there was keen competition between the two Governments, each stressing the advantages of their own and decrying the other as a site for the canal.

Panama, in particular, alleged that Nicaragua contained active volcanoes which might prove a peril to the work.

Nicaragua denied the charge and the question was almost decided in its favour when the Post Office issued a stamp—above—showing active volcanoes in the Nicaraguan countryside. It was agreed at the next session to build the canal through Panama.

What an Artillery Bombardment is Like

There have been many artillery bombardments on the Western Front. Here is a vivid description of them.

A HEAVY artillery bombardment, especially by night, is impressive and awe-inspiring, and a feeling of intense invigoration is manifest in the observer who happens to be in a position half-way between the guns and the bursting projectiles!

First of all we hear the ear-splitting crack of the 18-pounders; then the nerve-racking crash of the 60-pounders, accompanied by the swish of the shells in their journey through the night air. Then we detect the dull boom of the heavy howitzers from farther back, and the peculiar swish-wish-wash-wish-wash-swoosh of their projectiles in flight.

Green and Red Rockets

STILL farther back, we can pick out the sharp explosion of the larger guns—probably 6-inch or 9.2—speeding their shells with a curiously metallic rush through the atmosphere. The combined din forms a mighty crescendo. The flashes are like summer lightning.

Standing immediately behind it, when it is fired, the effect created by a gun, as distinct from the noise made by the rushing of an express goods train through a tunnel. The shells are seen exploding in, over, above, and far behind the enemy's trenches. The enemy front line is an inferno; flame and smoke; glare and blaze

—and a continuous rumbling sound.

Above all this welter, prodding the sky, shoot up the enemy "S.O.S." signals calling for help from his batteries. Up and up go the rockets—green and red star-flashed clusters. Hither and thither float his parachute orange-coloured flares; doubtless he suspects gas because of the change of wind. He sends up vivid white flares to enable him to see what our own infantry are up to.

How Orders Come

A DEEP red and orange glare is observed, which betokens that one of the enemy ammunition dumps has been hit. Enemy planes are dropping bombs on our infantry concentration points; our anti-aircraft batteries ("archies") have spotted them and are sending up luminous tracer bullets to guide our "archie" gunners.

If we now turn to what is going on in one of our own battery positions we shall find that the Battery Commander of the 60-pounders is in his Command Post dugout some one hundred yards behind his guns. He is at the moment poring over his map, marked with arcs of fire and gun ranges. The officer on duty, and telephonists, are behind him. A message has just come from Brigade Headquarters giving a target.

The order from Brigade may be

as laconic as the following: "Harassing fire on tracks and roads. Map reference P.34 D.4.2." To the layman this message may be unintelligible, but to the Battery Commander and his staff it conveys a lot. His orders to the battery are of necessity technical: "Right section one degree fifteen minutes more right—elevation twenty-one degrees five minutes—correction 146." The officer at the guns repeats all this.

A short pause, then the method of loading is given—so many rounds of Lyddite and shrapnel, Lyddite to force the enemy from his dugouts into the open and shrapnel to finish him off when he gets there. The order to fire is then given. Hardly have ten rounds been fired when "S.O.S." rockets ascend from our own trenches—clusters of green stars.

"Hit, Sir!"

THE right section of the battery ceases fire and all sections of the battery immediately switch over to the pre-arranged target—which happens to be an enemy gun making things uncomfortable for our own front line. The preliminaries are hurried through and our guns are firing as fast as the guncrews can load and train them. Shells start coming into our own battery position.

Presently—B.C. to telephonist: "See what has happened to No. 1

gun." A slight pause, then: "No. 1 gun has been hit, sir." "Hullo, hullo, what's that?" "Mr. Jones has been hit, sir." The other guns continue firing. Some of the men having been badly hit, the stretcher bearers bring the wounded in to the first-aid dugout which is near at hand.

Jones the subaltern has been peppered in the stomach and is in a bad way. He is delirious and raving for water, but it must not be given to him. There have been three deaths already. The Command Post has been hit and the Battery Commander and personnel have been knocked out.

Salient Straightened

THE Senior Subaltern takes command pending the arrival of the Captain from the wagon lines miles to the rear. The centre section of the battery has been knocked out of action. Two guns out of a battery of six are all that remain, and one of them is manned by four subaltern officers. The firing at last dies down and the wounded are being slowly evacuated.

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2. Some of the pilots refreshing their memories on bombs and machine guns.
3. Three of the flying boats taking off.
4. Two planes of a coastal patrol in flight.

STATUS OF INDIES

To Carry On Under Own Administrations

The Consulate-General, for the Netherlands in Hongkong states that, according to telegraphic information received from the Minister for Foreign Affairs at The Hague through the Royal Netherlands Legation in London, whatever may be the fate of the Netherlands in Europe, the Governor-General of the Netherlands Indies, as well as the Governors of Surinam (Netherlands Guyana) and Curacao (Netherlands West Indies) are not only entirely competent, but also able to continue their administration in those parts of the Kingdom and to maintain interior and exterior public order. Consequently any intervention of third Powers is being declined by the Netherlands Government.

The Netherlands Indies, Surinam and Curacao form, according to the Dutch constitution, as well as the Netherlands in Europe, separate parts of the Kingdom, so that the occupation of a larger or smaller area of one of those parts has no legal consequences affecting the other parts.

In the Netherlands Overseas Territories measures have been taken to prohibit the commercial and financial relations with the area occupied by Germany in the European Netherlands.

The Act concerning the Transfer of the Seats of Limited Liability Companies has come into force. The Legations and Consulates of the Netherlands, anywhere except in Germany and non-Netherlands territories occupied by that country, will continue to function normally, even in case the entire Kingdom in Europe is occupied. The Governments of the Netherlands Indies, Surinam and Curacao have now authority independently to issue instructions to Ministers and Consuls abroad, concerning matters pertaining their territories.

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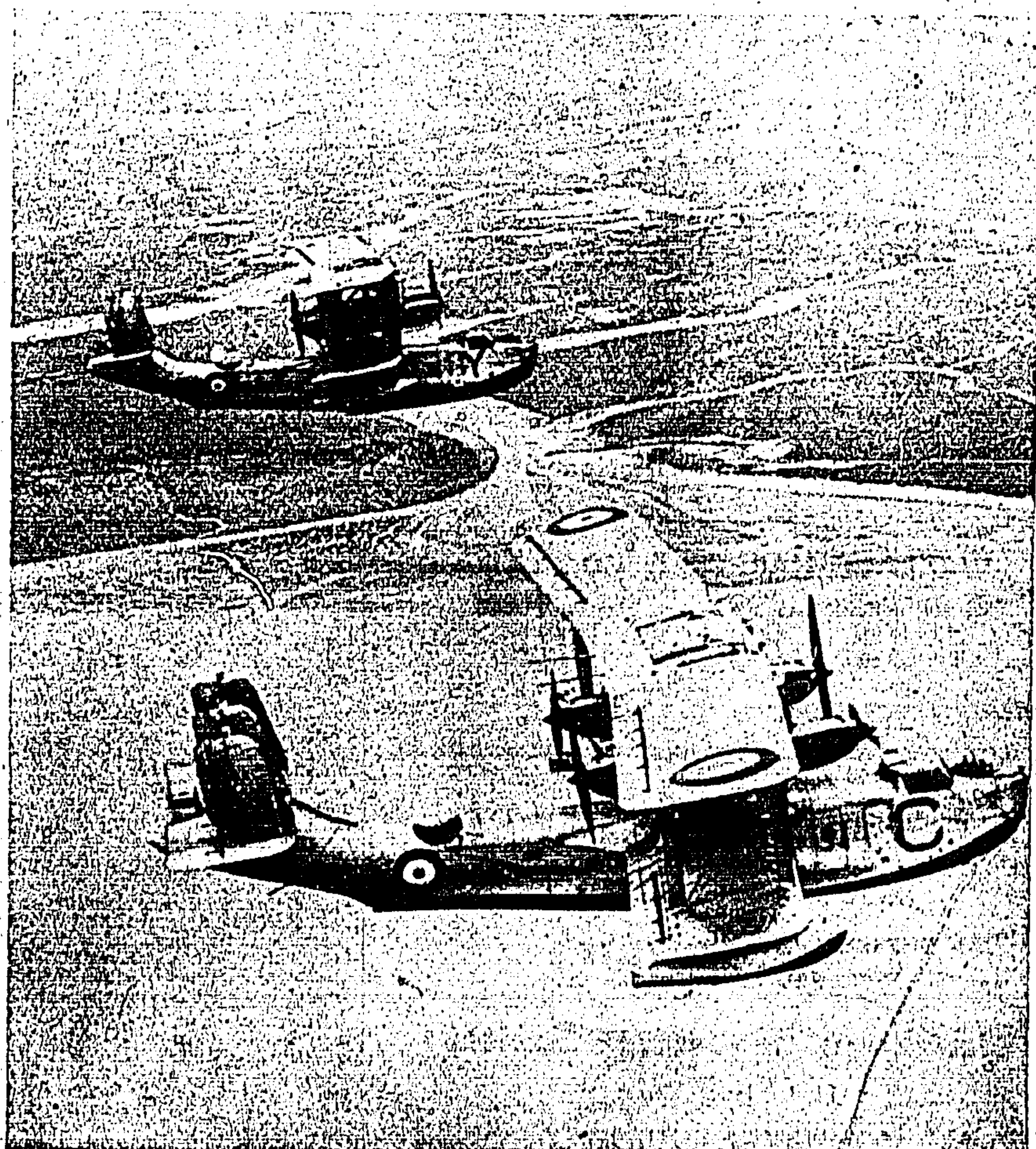
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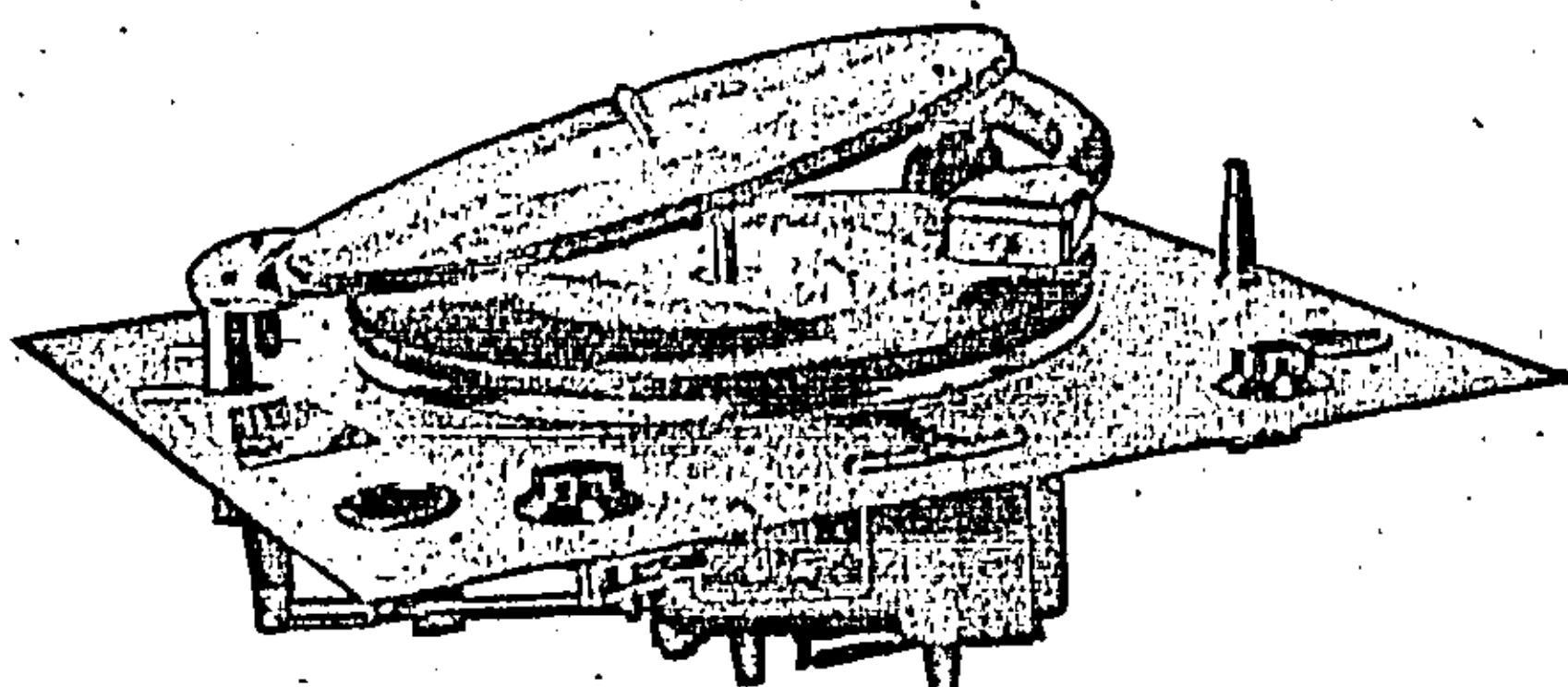
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lieved. All the world was warned
what would happen, and yet most
of the world is still asleep when it
does. We have been astonished by
the events in Norway and Denmark
and by the invasion of Luxembourg,
Belgium and the Netherlands.

The fate that has already over-
come these five neutral states is, if
"Mein Kampf" is now to be re-
cognised as the German "Bible" (as
the Germans themselves have in-
sisted it is for the past five years),
in store for all the small neutral
countries on Germany's borders.
The German minorities in Yugo-
slavia, Rumania, Hungary, Switzer-
land, Bulgaria and Sweden which
are the only neutral States left with
common borders with Germany, are
already actively at work, preparing
the way for this modern Genghis
Khan.

Modern war is swift; countries
waging it must work with the
exactness of machines. "Travel-
lers" can wreck railway bridges and
throw mobilisation off its balance
much quicker than have the para-
chute troops in Belgium and
Holland; a few words over a cap-
tured wireless station, as in Oslo,
can let dismay into the hearts of a
people. We know the power of
light armaments on the defensive,
and can imagine how strong points
far inside Belgium and Holland are
now being held by German para-
chutists and "tourists" until their
Army arrives.

By all the books of strategy, Hil-
ler's adventure in the Lowlands is
sheer madness. It is this "sheer
madness" that permits the Germans
to obtain the initial advantage.
Fortunately the Lowlands have
never under-estimated the brilliant
cunning of the Germans, or sneered
at the unorthodoxy of their techni-
que. They were prepared and have,
as a result, provided Hitler with his
first hitch.

The invasion of the Lowlands has
shown that no government has any
excuse for being caught unprepared
and it will be certain that every
neutral country which values its in-
dependence will watch with extra
precaution every move in the vicinity
of their frontiers.

Either Rumania or Switzerland
seem fated to be next on Hitler's
programme. Hungary and Bulgaria
are apparently safe; temporarily
Sweden seems secure because her
geographical position makes her, for
the time being, more of an asset as
a neutral than a belligerent to the
Germans. But if the Allies succeed
in advancing in Norway or threaten
the German conquests in Denmark
by throwing them back from Holland,
Sweden would do well to take care.

WE MANAGED TO SURVIVE A BIG CRISIS IN 1803

CROSS the Channel to Bou-
logne. You can see on the
left a column 176 feet high, built
by Napoleon to mark his expedi-
tion to conquer England and
make it a republic.

You can see the huge basin he
made to accommodate the flotilla of
2,413 craft which were to carry
101,000 men, guns and horses across
the sea.

What did the English think of
these preparations? Did they have
the jitters? They did.

Thousands volunteered, drilled, and
manned defences. But Napoleon's
expedition never sailed. England
still has a King, not a President.

England developed cristeria in
the summer of 1803. The patient
continued poorly all through the
winter, and had a bad relapse in the
spring. Invasion was expected daily.
In April temperature slid back to
normal. Suddenly, in the autumn,
cristeria struck again.

The papers printed lists of Alarm
Posts for volunteers. In some places
officers were not allowed to go more
than two miles from their quarters
even when off duty.

THE Prime Minister intro-
duced a Bill into Parlia-
ment called "A Plan for the Defence
of the Country." The papers pressed
for a volunteer corps of irregular in-
fantry. The Government, after about
a year's dithering, got on with con-
structing the Martello towers all
along the coast.

You can see them to-day. Round,
thirty-foot-high pillboxes from which
soldiers were to raze the disembark-
ing French with a cross-fire. A look-
out service was started to watch for
the French fleet. (They're still
watching.)

The Duke of Buccleuch wrote to
the papers suggesting Food Reserves.
Some one signing himself "Sussex
Yeoman" advised all the people who
were too busy, or incredulous, to
volunteer to equip themselves with
shot and powder and practise at dis-
tances of 100, 150 and 200 yards.
They should arrange for some one
to drive off their cattle and horses
if the enemy landed. As soon as
they saw the foe they ought to set
a haystack on fire to warn the nearest
regiment. Then, he suggested, they
should stand in a doorway and take
pot-shots at the advancing French.

HAVE you ever told your
child Hitler will come for
him if he is naughty? Parents don't
do a hundred years ago. "If you don't
go to sleep this instant," mothers
used to say, "Boney will come and
get you."
Amazing stories filtered back to
England. In Hanover the French

were requisitioning 30,000 shirts,
15,000 pairs of shoes, 6,000 waist-
coats. Then came the sinister report
that the hospitals of France had been
told to make as much lint as possible.

No invasion followed this steady
flow of rumours. People explained
them by saying that Napoleon put
them in the Continental Press on
purpose—on the "Wolf, wolf" prin-
ciple. The idea was that we should
finally ignore them, and so we should
not be ready for an attack when it
did come.

In March 1804 the public discovered
that we had 267,243 men on regular
active services, upwards of 400,000
volunteers. If Napoleon's fleet sailed,
it would have to break its way
through 68,000 seamen in 1,506 ves-
sels.

Parliament decided to increase the
Regular Army by 40,000—feeding it
from the militia. The Military Ser-
vice Bill allowed every one from
seventeen to fifty-five to volunteer.
The Warden of the Cinque Ports
raised 3,000 volunteers. Each of the
ridings of Yorkshire raised a
cavalry regiment.

England's diplomats got worried
up. Rather reluctantly, England
concluded a treaty with Russia.
Each pledged herself to support a
general European league. Napoleon
did not hesitate to conceal this from
his people by falsifying the news and
by forging letters. The technique
seems somehow familiar.

"THE country with the few
million men must give
way to the country with the many
million men." "Mein Kampf"? No.
Just Napoleon. England's milit-
ary fame had been forgotten in
France. They thought, riches had
made us decadent. "A nation of
shopkeepers," wisecracked Bona-
parte.

But month followed month with-
out an attack.

Then, while the Emperor's corona-
tion feast was being celebrated with
every magnificence (he had just be-
come King of Italy) Napoleon struck
again.

Crisis No. 2. England was ready.
Day followed day. But the ships
for which Napoleon was waiting at
Boulogne did not appear. The Brit-
ish Navy had dispersed them. He
abandoned his project.

Napoleon had struck a medal to
commemorate his conquest of Eng-
land. No member of a nation of
shopkeepers, Napoleon. Otherwise
he'd have known that proverb about
counting your chickens.

Gordon Taylor

These Gauleiters

BY WILLI
FRISCHAUER

HITLER is in consultation with his
Gauleiters, whom he summoned
from all over Germany to a confer-
ence.

What is a Gauleiter? What kind
of man holds these jobs?

There are about sixty such Nazi
leaders. "Gau," the ancient German
expression for a province, and
"Leiter," freely translated as "leader,"
make up this title of a provincial
leader of the Nazi Party.

I know a boy who used to bring
me my papers in Vienna every morn-
ing. He spent his spare time smug-
gling Nazi propaganda material into
the flats he supplied with news-
papers.

When the Austrian Nazi Party was
secretly formed, this boy was ap-
pointed "Gauleiter" for the district
in which he lived. Later he was
transferred to another in Austria—
Klagenfurt—and became the Gau-
leiter of the province.

His name was Globocnik. You
may remember him as the man who
was appointed Gauleiter of Vienna
when Hitler marched into Austria.
He was sacked a few months later
because he got drunk every day and
did not properly fulfil his task of
looking after the political education
of the Austrian people and the ad-
ministration of the Nazi Party's
affairs in his district.

There are, of course, other Gau-
leiters who do their job properly.
Most of them have since been ap-
pointed to the highest civil posts in
their localities.

Nowadays the Gauleiter of a big
town in Germany is often its Lord

Mayor. If his district is bigger than
a town the Gauleiter can often also
boast of the title of "Reichs-Statthalter"
—Reichs-Governor.

In short, the Gauleiter is the head
of the party organisation in a certain
district of Germany. With the ever-
increasing influence of the party on
public life he was given all sorts of
civil jobs.

Goebbels, for instance, is the Gau-
leiter of Berlin. But he, like every
other Gauleiter, has a deputy-Gau-
leiter and a third-in-command, a
Gau-Obmann.

Another prominent Gauleiter is
Herr Wagner. He rules the Nazi
party in Bavaria. Apart from that
he speaks for Hitler over the micro-
phone very frequently because no-
body can distinguish Wagner's voice
from Hitler's.

Strelcher, chiefly known as Nazi
Jew-Baiter Number One—is or was,
before his arrest—a Gauleiter too.
Gauleiter of Frankonia. Buerkel,
Hitler's friend, is Gauleiter of Aus-
tria.

There are scores of others who
have no international importance.
Their names are hardly known out-
side their own places. But all of
them are the dreaded henchmen of
the Nazi tyranny.

Kauffmann, for instance, the Gau-
leiter of Hamburg, has the reputation



Maginot Line,
Siegfried Line, and now
**"WATER
LINE"**

Hitler has invaded Holland in a
desperate effort to regain the initia-
tive in his war?

Opposing the invading Nazi hordes
are over a million men armed with
the most modern weapons.

You have read how roads along
parts of the east and south frontiers
are bordered with high trees, mined
ready to block the roads to an in-
vading army, and how machine-guns
are in position to mow down the men
who would have to spend days clear-
ing the way.

Then comes into play the Dutch
Water Line—not so strong as the
Maginot or Siegfried lines, perhaps,
but still.

It is ironic to find that in time of
need the Dutchman's great enemy—
water—against whom he has

struggled for centuries, should sud-
denly become his shield, and should
defend for him the country from
which it had been chased to make a
fertile soil.

How is this great sacrifice, this
vast flooding of fertile land, being
carried out?

The dykes have been pierced, the
sluices of the canals opened, and the
whole country is now flooded in such
a way that only the land above sea
level remains untouched.

And from these high areas artillery
and machine-guns cover the flooded
fields.

No tank or armoured car can
cross this immense lake. The soil
will soon be covered by at least three
feet of water.

And under this water are unsus-
pected traps, for the fields are in-
tersected for drainage purposes by
wide ditches and canals which could
not be detected once the land was
flooded.

Tanks, the general land forces, are
useless, whatever damage is done
from the air.

Troops cannot reach the essential
parts of Holland once the water has
spread over it.

Already one part of Holland, the
province of Utrecht, has been flooded.

An officer who accompanied me
said it will be exactly like that
everywhere between the coast and the
frontier, by to-day except on the
immense mounds where our troops
will have strategic positions.

On the way back he showed me
in the middle of the highest fields
concrete platforms for guns. On
both sides of the dykes are the
shelters for the troops. The coast
defence is just as efficient. In the
dunes from south to north hundreds
of nests of machine-guns and num-
erous camouflaged big guns watch over
the dykes' security.

And in the first line the Dutch
men-of-war are on the watch.

The enemy would spoil his guns
and shells by bombarding a hinter-
land of dead ruin and wastes of
water. But even were it possible for
him to land he would find that every
factory hides heavy pieces of artillery
and every little farm shelters
machine guns, and that even every
advertising pillar holds a deadly
charge along the accessible roads
where all kinds of obstacles used in a
modern war prevent any motorised
troops and units being of the slightest
use.

This is how Holland has organised
her defence. The Dutchman knows
how to fight for his liberty and his in-
dependence, and he is ready to de-
fend both to the uttermost.

**U.S. PLANES
FOR NAZIS?**

PARIS, May 12 (Reuter).—The radio here announces that news has just been received from Washington that a considerable number of American planes destined for France are being delivered, including fighters of a speed unknown, to German military aviation.

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troops with an enormous mass of tanks and aircraft.

Belgians Had To Withdraw
Despite the fierce resistance they offered, the Belgian troops had to withdraw as far as Tongres.

In the afternoon the counter-attacks with their motorised forces and aircraft, but although severe losses were inflicted on the enemy, the Belgians could only bring his advance to a halt.

In the evening, the German advanced elements were near Valenciennes. During the whole time, the Belgian Command took all steps required by the situation.

Advance Checked

When the enemy reached the Belgian troops' new positions, they were stopped.

The latest report, added M. Pierlot, states that the enemy nowhere resumed his advance. M. Pierlot mentioned that about 100 German planes were brought down since the morning.

Big Nazi Losses

In continuing, M. Pierlot said the Belgians and Allies have taken part in important aerial engagements since morning and had inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

Many violent enemy attacks on the fortifications of Liege had been repulsed. The forts were covered with German corpses.

From various points on the right of the Meuse in the province of Luxembourg, superior enemy forces attacked the Belgian troops who, after resisting heroically, withdrew according to plan.

The French motorised forces had attacked the enemy in Luxembourg. Enemy paratroopers had been dropped near Brussels and elsewhere. They were being rounded up and hunted down.

Very Satisfactory

"The Allied advance," he said, "is very satisfactory."

He asked his hearers not to believe any unconfirmed rumours, as for example, rumours that the Government intended to leave the capital. These rumours were absolutely false. The Government asked the people not to lose their composure.

"We have to bear the shock of this formidable army which is opposing us," he said, "but the military situation is not compromised. As was to be anticipated it is not free from difficult moments."

Be Confident, Exhortation

"If it has been resorted to this is due to the speedy measures of the command which was executed by the troops with remarkable ability and energy."

He concluded by urging his hearers to follow the example of their gallant army which was valiantly fulfilling its duty.

"Be confident of victory," he said, "and with the help of our Allies we shall triumph."

**CABINET
CHANGES****→ FROM PAGE ONE**

Minister of Supply in place of Mr. Leslie Burgin.

Duff-Cooper Returns

One of the most interesting appointments is that of Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who was formerly First Lord of the Admiralty and who resigned after Munich, and who now becomes Minister of Information vice Sir John Reith.

Sir Andrew Duncan is retained as President of the Board of Trade.

Consultations are still proceeding with interest concerning the other posts to be filled in the Government, and it is expected that further announcements will be made tomorrow.

Labour Support

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that at the Labour Party Conference at Bournemouth tomorrow, Mr. C. R. Attlee will move a resolution endorsing the unanimous decision of the National Executive Committee that the Party should take its share as a full partner in the Government, which is under the new Prime Minister, and which commands the nation's confidence.

The resolution, which is certain to receive an overwhelming majority, pledges the full support of the Conference to the new Government "in its effort to secure a swift victory and a just peace."

**Economic Control
Condemned**

ROME, May 12 (Reuter).—The Allies' economic control is being severely criticised again here by the newspapers.

This has occurred following the publication of a report by the Italian Bureau of Economic Warfare. Signor Gayda, writing in the "Voce d'Italia," describes the control as "an open and brutal violation of every principle of liberty on the sea."

Cricket Re-Play**Police Win Junior
Shield By Thrilling
Margin Of Five Runs**

BY THE THRILLING margin of five runs, the Police Recreation Club won the Junior Cricket League Championship at Sookuppoo yesterday when they beat the Indian Recreation Club, who tied for the honours in a play-off for the title.

Steady batting by T. R. Hunter, B. C. Fay, C. Pope and A. Kirby enabled the Police to total 131, and following an equally steady knock by H. T. Barma, and forceful batting by A. R. Suffed and M. R. Abbas the closing minutes of the game were fraught with excitement.

Needing only 11 runs to win and with two wickets to fall, the Indians lost one wicket for the addition of only four runs and the final wicket fell with only two runs more added.

The scores were:

Police R.C.				
A. E. Carey, b. Azeem, b. Hamjah	31	0	1	0
T. R. Hunter, b. Azeem, b. Hamjah	43	1	0	0
W. L. Clarke, b. Azeem, b. Hamjah	22	0	1	0
B. C. Fay, c. Hazack, b. Hamjah	22	0	1	0
C. Pope, c. Hazack, b. Hamjah	12	0	1	0
H. T. Barma, c. Hazack, b. Abbas	12	0	1	0
T. H. King, c. Abbas, b. Hamjah	8	0	1	0
L. Oakley, c. Hamjah, b. Hamjah	6	0	1	0
A. Kirby, b. Abbas, b. Hamjah	6	0	1	0
J. Lewis, b. Azeem, b. Hamjah	5	0	1	0
A. Suffed, not out	4	0	1	0
Extras	6	0	1	0
Total	131	0	1	0

Bowling Analysis				
	O.	M.	R.	W.
Abbas	10.2	1	43	3
Arcuili	11	1	46	3
Ramjah	0	1	27	4
Ruzack	1	-	9	-
Indian R.C.				

Bowling Analysis				
Fay	12.7	1	30	4
Pope	12.7	1	30	4
Danbrowsky	1	1	10	1

**King George
Thanked****Moving Replies From
Allied Monarchs**

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The Queen of the Netherlands has sent a message of thanks to King George for his message, "proving that in this moment of grave tribulation, Your Majesty's people throughout the British Empire are ready and anxious to give us all possible moral and material support."

The Queen expressed happiness that the British and Dutch peoples, fleets and armies "are fighting side by side against ruthless aggression. I feel certain that the cause of freedom and justice will triumph in the end."

A similar message was sent by the Queen to the French President.

King Leopold's Message
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King has received the following message from the King of the Belgians:

"Your Majesty's far-reaching and encouraging message has touched me deeply. It brings to me in the grave hour through which my country is passing valuable proof of the fidelity of the British people to their pledged word."

"The course which Belgium is defending is sacred to my countrymen and I share the unshakable confidence which your message expresses in the free and independent future of our two countries."

**BATTLE OF
THE MEUSE****→ FROM PAGE ONE**

Executive Parliamentary Labour Party.

A statement issued after the meeting records approval of the decision of the leaders "in their efforts to strengthen the machinery of Government for the purpose of bringing the war to a successful conclusion."

Parachutists Rounded Up
BRUSSELS, May 12 (Reuter).—The officials here are calm. Over 100 parachutists were dropped round Brussels this morning but they are dealt with.

There were several air raid warnings this morning and heavy detonations were audible from the centre of the city. Some thought they were not bombs but heavy artillery shells falling on the Belgian second defence line.

Refugees from the Albert Canal region are now appearing in Brussels. The city is quite calm despite the many rumours which are flying around.

Laws of War Violated

THE HAGUE, May 12 (Reuter).—The German invaders, both land

Press Reactions**LOWLANDS
INVASION
PROTESTS**

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The Berne "Neuezeitung" says: "Germany's repetition of a well-known comedy with its shameless reversal of roles will deceive no one. Instead the general feeling will be one of disgust at the unscrupulousness of this manoeuvre."

"The New York Post" says: "President Roosevelt expressed the sentiments of an overwhelming majority of American people when he condemned the brutal and unprovoked invasion of the Lowland countries before the Pan-American Scientific Congress."

"He answered the question: Can Americans live if the Allies are defeated? He answered it with a straightforward 'No.'"

"Coming from a man who hates war as much as he hates Fascism, this was highly significant."

Shock The Sensibilities

The "Sun" columnist, Dave Boon, says: "The Nazis choose to start a blitzkrieg against Belgium and Holland in a religious season sacred to millions. They go out of their way to shock the sensibilities. Those whom the Gods would destroy they first make dictators, and the sound from heaven as of the rushing of a mighty wind is not from Hitler's air fleets, but the rising indignation of the civilised world."

"You would think that Adolf would stop dragging out that old alibi about the Allies being about to do the invading first. Any moment now von Ribbentrop will have a White Paper with a bedtime story about the Belgians and Dutch being in deadly peril from everyone except the Germans."

Standard Formula

The "Gothenburg Nyttid" says: "It seems the Reich has adopted a standard formula for attacks on small nations. We believe that Germany cannot conquer Belgium this time and that Germany took a fatal step when against history's teaching, she tried to smash this proud people's right to live."

**Submarine Is
Feared Lost****H.M.S. Seal Now Long
Overdue**

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The British submarine Seal, which is overdue and is presumed lost, was commanded by Lieut. Commr. R. P. Lonsdale, who was mentioned in despatches a few days ago.

His wife died in September, 1937, leaving an infant son.

Hongkong Saw Her

"The Seal was one of the submarines which appeared in the latest Paramount British news-reel shown at the King's Theatre last week in conjunction with the film 'U-Boat 29'."

The Seal was shown being hailed upon her return to a British port after successfully attacking several German transports in the Skagerak during the invasion of Norway. The film included a close-up of Lieut. Commr. R. P. Lonsdale, commander of the Seal which shows him weary-eyed and unshaven after a long and hazardous adventure in perilous Norwegian waters.

**Yugo-Slav's New
Trade Pact**

BELGRADE, May 12 (Reuter).—Yugo-Slavia has signed a trade and navigation pact with Soviet Russia. It is designed to increase their trade within the next two years by over £1,000,000.

Russia will buy copper, tin, lead, zinc and lead from Yugo-Slavia and Yugo-Slavia will buy farming implements, paraffin oil and cotton.

Each country will maintain a trade delegation in the other's capital.

troops and parachutists, have been seen wearing Dutch uniforms, says a Government statement.

Protesting against this, the statement calls attention to Article Twenty-Three of the Hague Convention which expressly forbids such an action.

"This violation of the laws of war does not stand alone," add the statement. "The Germans have not hesitated to put captured Dutch soldiers into their front line."

**ANNOYANCE
CAUSED****Regulations Governing
Kowloon Wharves**

Since the gazetting of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's wharves and premises as protected areas, annoyance has been freely expressed by shipping circles in Hongkong, which describe the restrictions imposed as unnecessarily detailed and irksome.

It is argued that nothing is to be gained by certain regulations. Thus, it is stipulated that a person embarking must be provided with an identification card to obtain admission to the wharves; shipping companies consider that the passage ticket issued is sufficient identification for a person embarking.

In the same way it is required that transit passengers be provided with a special card to allow them to leave and enter the wharves; whereas such transit passengers are already provided with cards by the Police Department on examination of their passports. Shipping circles protest that all this duplication is purposeless.

The Godown Company asks that specimens of the cards adopted by the companies be sent to it for record; the companies argue, the Godown Company should take the initiative by devising uniform cards for adoption by all the companies. Otherwise, it is stated, the wharf guards are given the task of examining dozens of varied cards.

Baggage Regulations

Some shipping men also feel that the Godown Company's baggage regulations could safely be less stringent. These regulations provide that only the Wharf Company's coolies can be employed on the wharves, that baggage to and from vessels must be first delivered to the company's custody, and that passengers disembarking must be provided by vessels with memos authorising them to obtain entry to a certain number of packages. To obtain entry to the wharves hotel runners and representatives of recognised baggage companies must have identification cards issued by the Godown Company.

The regulations, it is claimed, involve additional and intolerable book-keeping on board the ships themselves and unnecessarily bothersome restrictions against the passengers. It is contended that the five approved baggage companies in Hongkong should be given authority to operate on the wharves as well as outside, so that the owner of baggage would be concerned with only one commission; coolies sponsored by these agencies should be acceptable.

Another complaint is that the regulations are hazy about the exact charges involved in the wharf services, and it is generally felt that a little more preparation—in the way of printing of passes, etc.—was desirable before the sudden gazetting.

It is indicative that the regulations caught the shipping companies unawares that a French ship which came to port on Saturday tied up in the stream instead of berthing at Kowloon Wharves as usual. It is an action that may be forced upon other ships until they can complete arrangements to fulfil the new requirements.

**MUSSOLINI'S
AIR TOUR****Pilots Plane During
Long Inspection**

ROME, May 12 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini spent some hours to-day and yesterday piloting his three-engined bombing plane on a tour of inspection that reached as far as Monte Circeo in southern Rome, the Pontine marshes and Ostia.

The announcement says that he was inspecting the railway plant and lines.

Due to-day received Marshal Graziani, Chief of the Army Staff, General Soddu, Under-Secretary of State for War, and Generals Pintor and Guzzoni.

The last two have been charged with perfecting the defences on the western frontier in the Littorio Alps.

Reports are circulating that new classes have been called to the colours by individual summonses.

**HOSPITAL
BOMBED****Nurses Killed In Raid
On Kweichow**

CHUNGKING, May 12. Four nurses were killed and several doctors and members of the staff wounded when Japanese aircraft bombed the Central Hospital just outside the south gate of Kweichow.

Eight machines are stated to have taken part in the raid and two direct hits were scored on the hospital. The dormitory, dining room and operating room were demolished. Among the four nurses killed was the head nurse, Miss Wang Chung-yun, who formerly served in the Central Hospital in Nanking. More than 100 patients, however, were successfully evacuated before the bombing occurred.—Reuter.

**CABINET
SWORN IN**

London, May 12. The Prime Minister and five other members of the Government, Mr. C. R. Attlee, Mr. Anthony Eden, Sir Archibald Sinclair, Mr. A. V. Alexander and Mr. Neville Chamberlain, were sworn in before the King at a Privy Council at Buckingham Palace to-day.—Reuter Bulletin.

Other Members Selected

London, May 12. After the swearing-in of members of the War Cabinet, Mr. Churchill was engaged in the task of selecting the other members of the Government. An announcement is not expected until late to-night or tomorrow.—Reuter.

Shanghai Sends Praise

London, May 12. The conviction that the Premiership of Mr. Churchill will assure Great Britain of resolute leadership is expressed in a congratulatory telegram addressed to the new Prime Minister by British organisations in Shanghai.

The message reads:—"All the British patriotic societies in Shanghai together with the China Association, British Women's Association, British Chamber of Commerce and British Residents' Association combine in wishing you success in your present office. They are sure your leadership will be characterised by energy and resolution to defeat the enemy."—Reuter.

Chungking Opinions

CHUNGKING, May 12. Chinese circles generally welcome the change in the British Cabinet, particularly Mr. Winston Churchill as the new Prime Minister.

While no comment is forthcoming from official quarters, Chinese newspapers in biographical sketches this morning state that when the blockade of the Concession took place Mr. Churchill in an article strongly condemned the Japanese militarists, opposed compromise with Japan, paid a tribute to Gen. Chiang Kai-shek and expressed confidence in China's ultimate victory.

Ever since the Mukden Incident nine years ago Chinese circles have been dissatisfied with the policy of the British Government under Earl Baldwin and Mr. Neville Chamberlain which was considered here as a policy of compromise. In recent months Chinese quarters have been particularly anxious over British policy as the result of last year's understanding between Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador in Tokyo, and Mr. Hachiro Arita, the then Japanese Foreign Minister, and the recent British proposals for settlement of the Tientsin silver question as well as Sir Robert Craigie's speech at a luncheon of the Britain-Japan Society in Tokyo.

The Chinese see an ominous sign in the explanation offered in certain British circles alleging that Britain cannot afford to be involved in war with Japan in the Far East when she must concentrate all her efforts and resources in the European war.

The growing lack of confidence in British friendship is indicated by the fact that the Chinese newspapers print less and less British news reports which they published almost exclusively in the early stages of the European war which resulted in complaints from German and Soviet quarters. During the past few months a noticeable change has been taking place as the Chinese newspapers feature more and more news reports carried by American news agencies. In fact there has been fear in the minds of many Chinese that a showdown must come soon when China will desire to know definitely how Britain stands in the Far East.—Reuter.

**BELGIUM
IS FIRM**

BRUSSELS, May 12. The radio states that by a Royal decree Belgium has been divided into army and interior zones. The army zones include the provinces of Limburg, Liege, Luxembourg, Namur and several districts of Brabant. The remaining part of the country forms the interior.—Reuter.

German Retire

BRUSSELS, May 12. Belgian forces counter-attack this morning and forced the Germans to retire in the direction of Hasselt.—Reuter.

Belgians Fall Back

PARIS, May 12. A spokesman of the French War Ministry stated to-day that the Belgian forces were at present making a general falling back movement in good order along their line.

After taking the town of Maestricht, the Germans crossed the Albert Canal and were advancing east of it.

The spokesman added that, without being alarming, the situation was therefore serious west of Maestricht.—Reuter.

Stubborn Belgian Defence

BRUSSELS, May 12. An official communique issued at midday states: "Putting up energetic resistance to the invaders, our troops continue to defend step by step the positions which have been assigned them under the plan of operations."

"Enemy forces which penetrated into our defensive dispositions made no important progress."

"At several places groups of parachutists were annihilated. Numerous enemy aeroplanes were brought down."—Reuter.

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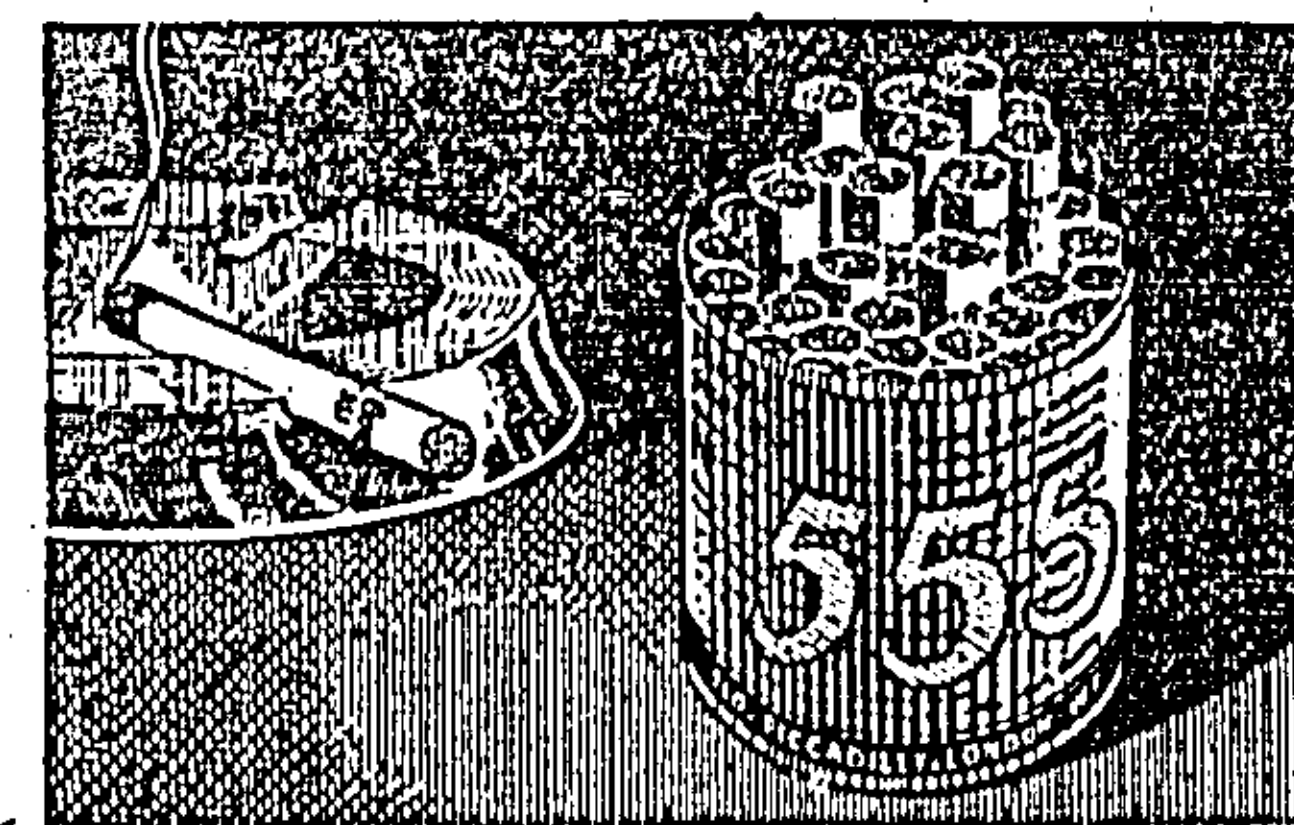
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MO DAY MORNING COMMENTARY

EASTERN WIN RETURN CHARITY GAME

Brilliant Display By Navy Defenders: Forwards Lack Thrust

(By "Rex")

SOCCER FANS were treated to an entertaining and instructive game yesterday at Causeway Bay, when Eastern met the Royal Navy in a return encounter and won by the narrow margin of two goals to one.

Eastern abandoned the frivolous play that marked their previous match, and were delightful to watch, especially their forward line. Royal Navy put up stiff resistance, in which their defence rose to new eminence in coping with the fast and tricky Eastern forwards.

For Navy, Robinson gave a peerless exhibition, and fully earned the warm appreciation of the attendant crowd, which cheered every spectacular save he made, and they were all really spectacular.

Roughly and Honevill covered themselves with honours, and, with the aid of their very capable half-back line, they were in a good position to stem the Chinese attacks. Roughly matched the nippy Chinese forwards for speed, and he hardly put a wrong foot to the ball throughout the game. I have every confidence that this player will gain representative honours for the coming season in his department.

Honeywell was the best of the Navy halves. He had the more thankless job of covering the Chinese left flank of C. T. Tsao and tricky Hau Ching-to, and he performed his task with doggedness. Nichols did not always stick to his man. He was more of the roving pivot, hence he

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May

In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.

The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th May, 1940.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Tiffin Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified. Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day. Tiffins are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21220).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,
O. B. BROWN,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1940.

Lean Afternoon For Favourites At First Day Of Whitsun Meet

GENERALLY SPEAKING the favourites had a lean afternoon with the result that there were three fat dividends over three figures at the first day of the Whitsun Meeting held last Saturday, West Lake paying \$222.20, Emergency Call \$207.50 and Amber II delighted her admirers with \$137.60.

Despite the heat coupled with the gathering of heavy clouds, the rain kept away and in the circumstance the grass track was in excellent condition, which Sapper took full advantage of the fast going to show his propelling powers.

With the able assistance of Mr. Donald Black (who was the leading jockey) in the saddle, Mrs. A. E. Grasett's candidate won the main event, the Whitsun Plate, confined to Australian youngsters of this season in great style, beating his sister Far View by a length in record time of 1.42.3/5. Sapper therefore clipped one four-fifths seconds off the mile record of 1.44.2/5 established by Strathroy (Mr. Black) on April 18, 1938.

TO-DAY'S BIG EVENT

THE MOST IMPORTANT event of this afternoon will be the Whitsun Plate for China ponies over the champion course and the first prize is worth \$750 to the winner. To ensure a good classic event the Stewards put a full stop to the entry of Burford (champion pony) and Satalight (Derby winner), but explanation has been offered for the non-entry of Confusion Bay. In his absence Mr. T. K. L.'s colours will be represented by Dupont Bay, O-Lan and Onagah. However, Clembur, the winner of St. George's Plate, will have to be at tip-top form to stave off the challenge of Craignav, and the next contender is Eve of Harvest.

Taking everything in the balance I have a strong hunch that Mrs. J. H. Taggart's racer will earn another

bracket (his last win was a smart run in the Griffins Spring Handicap) and the mount has been accepted by Mr. H. C. Pih, who does not require any formal introduction.

Another interesting bout will be seen in the Sharks Bay Handicap for Australian "A" class ponies over a mile. On Saturday's running Far View (it started) must win, but I am figuring that the mare will spend a quiet afternoon in her stall chewing straw, and my best three are Many Thanks, Australian Diamond and Baffin Bay. Lancashire Chips is a good outsider.

Other events will not be devoid of the usual interest and close finishes. Two races will be contested before tiffin and the first event after lunch will be run at 2.30 p.m., saddling bell being at two o'clock.

BANKERS COLLECT \$1,400 FOR CHARITY FUND

(By "Rex")

Eleven comprising employees of the Foreign and Chinese banking houses engaged in a friendly soccer match at Caroline Hill on Saturday, the latter team winning by four goals to three after an exciting battle, which had its amusing moments.

Proceeds of the match, including \$30 by auction of the ball which was bought by Mr. Tsui Ka-chong, sub-Manager of the Postal Bank, amounted to \$1,402.60, and is to be donated to the Friends of Wounded Chinese Soldiers Movement.

The Foreign banks' team was best served by Lee Hoi-chue (Mercantile Bank) at goal, and Hau Ching-to (Chase Bank) at inside-left, and later at centre-forward. Ability or luck, Lee gave a polished display to save time and again point blank shots; his diving saves being no less brilliant. Hau came in with some nice shots, and secured his hat-trick in the second half.

For the Chinese banks, Cheung Wing-chol (Postal Bank) played a good game in the first half, to keep the score blank, but in the second became less serious till three goals had been chalked up against him. Au Yung-sing (Manufacturers' Bank) gave an exceedingly good performance at left-wing, and was the best forward on view, Cheung Kam-hoi, Chung Yung-sum (Postal Bank and Eastern) took matters easy, and was not seen to any advantage. For the defence Mr. Shiu-fan (Bank of Canton) played a sounder game at full-back than Tsang Chung-wan (Central Bank and Eastern).

FOREIGNERS' ADVANTAGE
THE FOREIGN banks had the better of play in the first half, and the Chinese banks' goal was threatened. However, the forwards were unable to get the ball past Cheung, and in a sudden raid by the Chinese banks forwards, V. Ribeiro was forced to concede a corner from the corner. Chung Yung-sum obtained possession and tried three times before he could pass Lee to score the only goal for that half.

In the second half most of the players from both teams appeared to tire, and the fun commenced. Hau Ching-to struck up an understanding with Souza (Mercantile) on the left wing equalised and scored two further goals before the Chinese banks

Girls Appear In Unique Match

Probably the first game of its kind in the Colony was the curtain raiser for the Foreign versus Chinese Banks charity football match at Caroline Hill. Bank managers, sub-managers, chief clerks and clerks from the Chinese banks made up a team to play a girls' eleven composed of mostly basketball players. And the men very nearly lost the match! In the first half the girls did not avail themselves of the concession allowed them, to use their hands, and were led three goals to one. In the second half they made full use of it and employed their hands to good advantage. The men were very much at a loss, and were very lucky to win four goals to three. The girls' second goal was converted from a penalty for unfair tackling!

settled down to serious play. From the kick-off of the Foreign banks' third goal, Chung Yung-sum brought the ball through the Foreign banks' defence to beat a surprised Lee with a nice shot. Shortly after Cheung Kam-hoi tricked his way through the defence to beat Lee again for the Chinese banks' equaliser.

WINNING GOAL

THE WINNING GOAL came towards the end of the game when Cheung Kam-hoi again tricked the defence, carried the ball towards the right wing and centred for Au Yung-sing to culminate a fine performance with a first time goal giving the Chinese banks' victory.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 25th May, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 16th May, 1940.

By Order,
C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.



"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:



SELECTIONS BY "EARLY BIRD"

The following selections were made by "Early Bird" in the "S.C.M. Post":

SMUGGLERS HANDICAP

Arabian Cat
Lucky Eleven
Dow Jones

GREEN ISLAND H'CAP (FIRST SECTION)

Musketier
Hugher
Oak Bay

WHITSUN PLATE

Craignav
Dupont Bay
Clembur

SHARKS BAY H'CAP

Courting Eve
Australian Diamond
Vanity Fair

BEAUFORT HANDICAP

Silver Wings
Eve of Folly
Blue Field

LAMA HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

White Diamond
Jennifer
Rose Emily

MANLY HANDICAP

Fair Chance
Sydney Lad
Springhurst

GREEN ISLAND H'CAP (SECOND SECTION)

Blue Field
Juno Doc
Victoria

KILLARA HANDICAP

Princess Clara
Australian Prince
Catterick Bridge

LAMA HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Peaceful View
King Kong
Blue Diamond

GREEN ISLAND H'CAP (THIRD SECTION)

Soldier of Britain
Scenic View
Celtic Star

DAILY DOUBLE

Silver Wings/Fair Chance

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Bimelech Beats Kentucky Derby Winner

BALTIMORE, May 12 (Reuter).—Colonel E. R. Bradley's odds-on Kentucky Derby failure, Bimelech, 6-year-old, won the Golden Stakes, Kentucky, worth about \$20,000 to the winner, beating Midland by three lengths, with Gallahadine, the Kentucky Derby winner, third. Bimelech's time for the one mile 1 1/4 furlongs was 1 min. 58.3 secs.

Smugglers Handicap

Heddon
The Thriss
Arabian Cat

Green Island Handicap (First Section)

Musketier
Galveston Bay
Rose Flana

Whitsun Plate

Craignav
Dupont Bay
Clembur

Sharks Bay Handicap

Far View (if started)
Many Thanks
Australian Diamond
Baffin Bay

Beaufort Handicap

Rosson
Eve of Folly
Eve of Dancin

Lama Handicap (First Section)

Bear Claw
Jennifer
Jobber

Manly Handicap

Murrumbidgee
Sydney Lad
Triumphant Day

Green Island Handicap (Second Section)

Victoria
Hillsboro Bay
Smashing Through

Killara Handicap

Catterick Bridge
Brown Derby
Maple Star

Lama Handicap (Second Section)

King Kong
Blue Diamond
Avon

Green Island Handicap (Third Section)

Soldier of Britain
Laughing Girl
Scenic View

Daily Double Event

Rosson/Murrumbidgee

Club de Recreio Win Sam White Bowls Shield

THE FIRST ANNUAL match for the Sam White Lawn Bowls Shield between the Club de Recreio and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club was played yesterday on the links of both clubs, and resulted in a win for the former Club by 207 shots to 100.

The presentation of the Shield was made by Mr. K. C. Hamilton, President of the Kowloon B.G.C., and the four cups presented by Mr. A. Hydo Lay and E. da Souza went to B.

Saturday's Lucky Sweep Numbers

RACE NO. 1

No. 2442 \$1,200.00
No. 2483 \$1.00
No. 51 \$225.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3,180, 623, 2373, 2507, 2602.

RACE NO. 2

No. 3020 \$2,032.00
No. 342 \$94.00
No. 3226 \$1,088.00
No. 3628 \$69.00
No. 3916 \$24.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1042, 1420, 932, 783.

RACE NO. 3

No. 274 \$2,034.00
No. 3883 \$58.40
No. 2795 \$219.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3060, 2702, 228, 2090, 3304, 4075, 2320, 2946.

RACE NO. 4

No. 1112 \$2,122.40
No. 1702 \$66.40
No. 3746 \$302.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1505, 3703, 1170, 4224, 3023, 152, 2452.

RACE NO. 5

No. 1940 \$2,023.80
No. 2104 \$78.00
No. 4002 \$29.40
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1122, 3095, 2126, 904, 1482, 4000, 12, 1009, 1516.

RACE NO. 6

No. 2047 \$2,210.00
No. 2758 \$51.00
No. 1623 \$15.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 204, 2837, 3177, 3440, 2078, 1624.

RACE NO. 7

No. 230 \$1,035.50
No. 3703 \$53.00
No. 2123 \$78.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1349, 3420, 3000, 3450, 2180, 3588, 2020, 2516, 2745, 4224, 1703, 3906, 4011, 2740, 2942.

RACE NO. 8

No. 228 \$4,501.00
No. 3429 \$1,200.00
No. 3008 \$64.00
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 1001, 4010, 330, 2062, 2474, 2173.

RACE NO. 9

No. 228 \$4,501.00
No. 3429 \$1,200.00
No. 3008 \$64.00
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 1001, 4010, 330, 2062, 2474, 2173.

P. Calderera Wins Cottage Club Hunt Cup

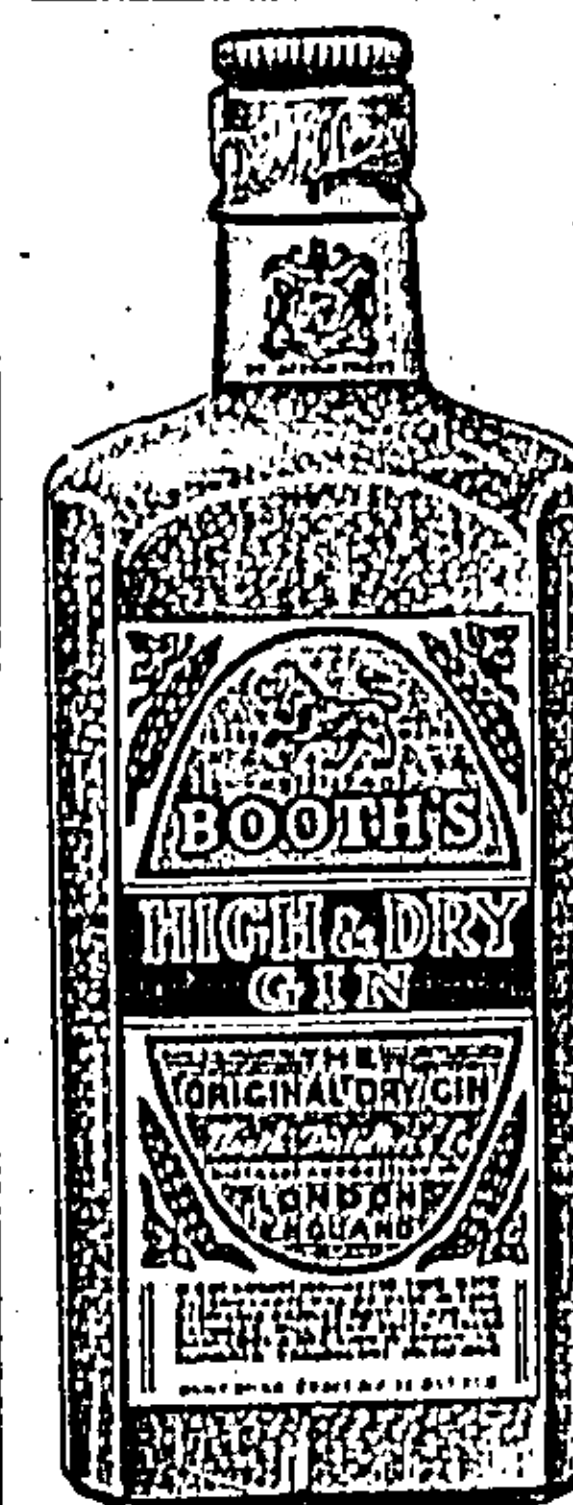
The Cottage Club paper-hunt on Saturday, for the "Flying Dutchman Cup," was won by P. Calderera, who has been three times a winner this season. Second and third were Captain F.P.R. James and F. Bondfield. The Ladies Cup was annexed by Mrs. Christine Wyatt for the second time this season.

A good run was enjoyed from the border road, near Sheungshui, over grasslands and foothills, and finishing behind the Kwanti racecourse. The Army and Navy were represented, as well as the civilian element, and the run-in was hotly contested between three or four riders.

The Flying Dutchman himself, who had suffered an accident last week and was unable to complete, presented the cups to the winners and warmly congratulated them on their achievement.

Baslo's rink for the highest score of 20 shot.

G. Sheriff's rink received the "wooden spoons."



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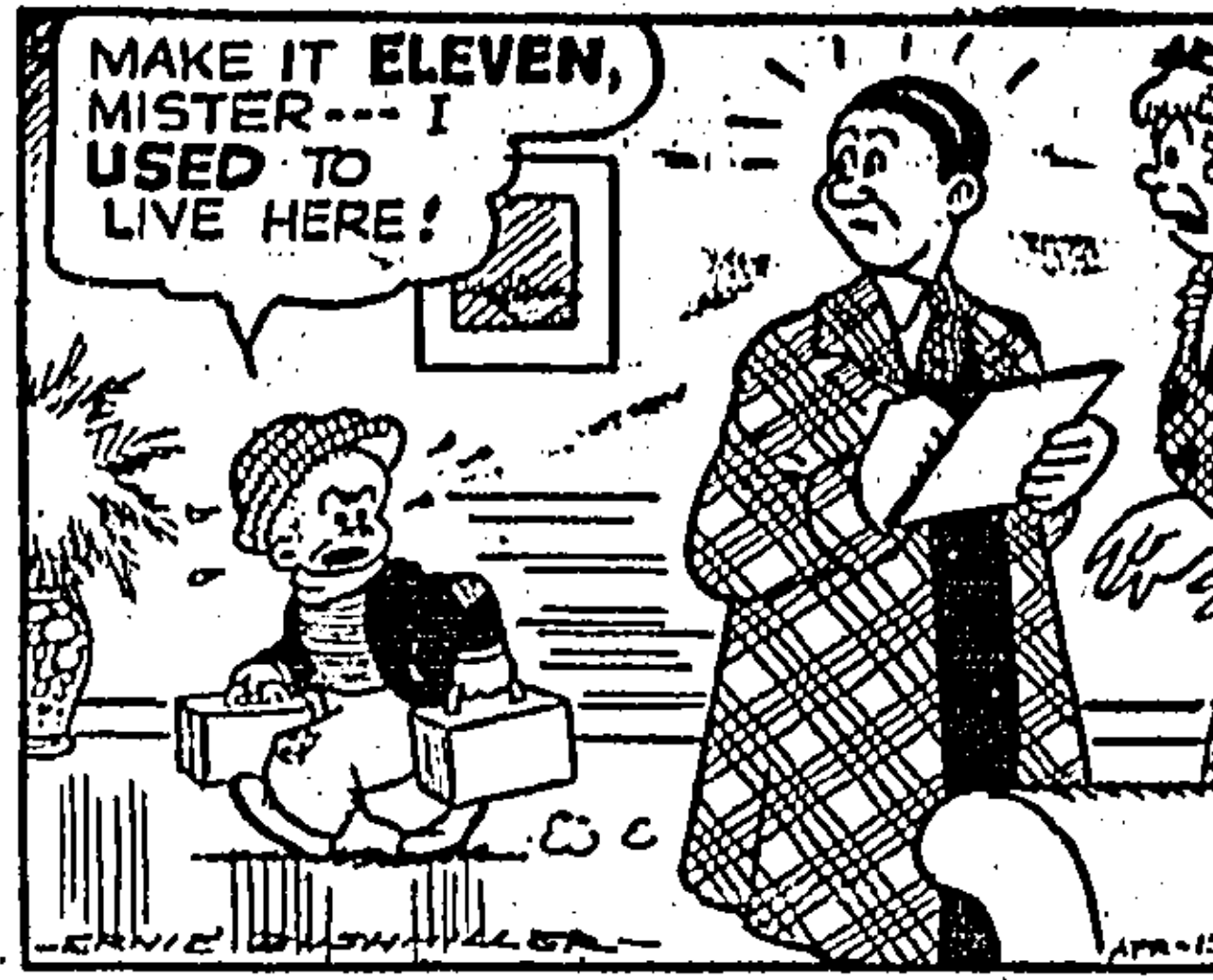
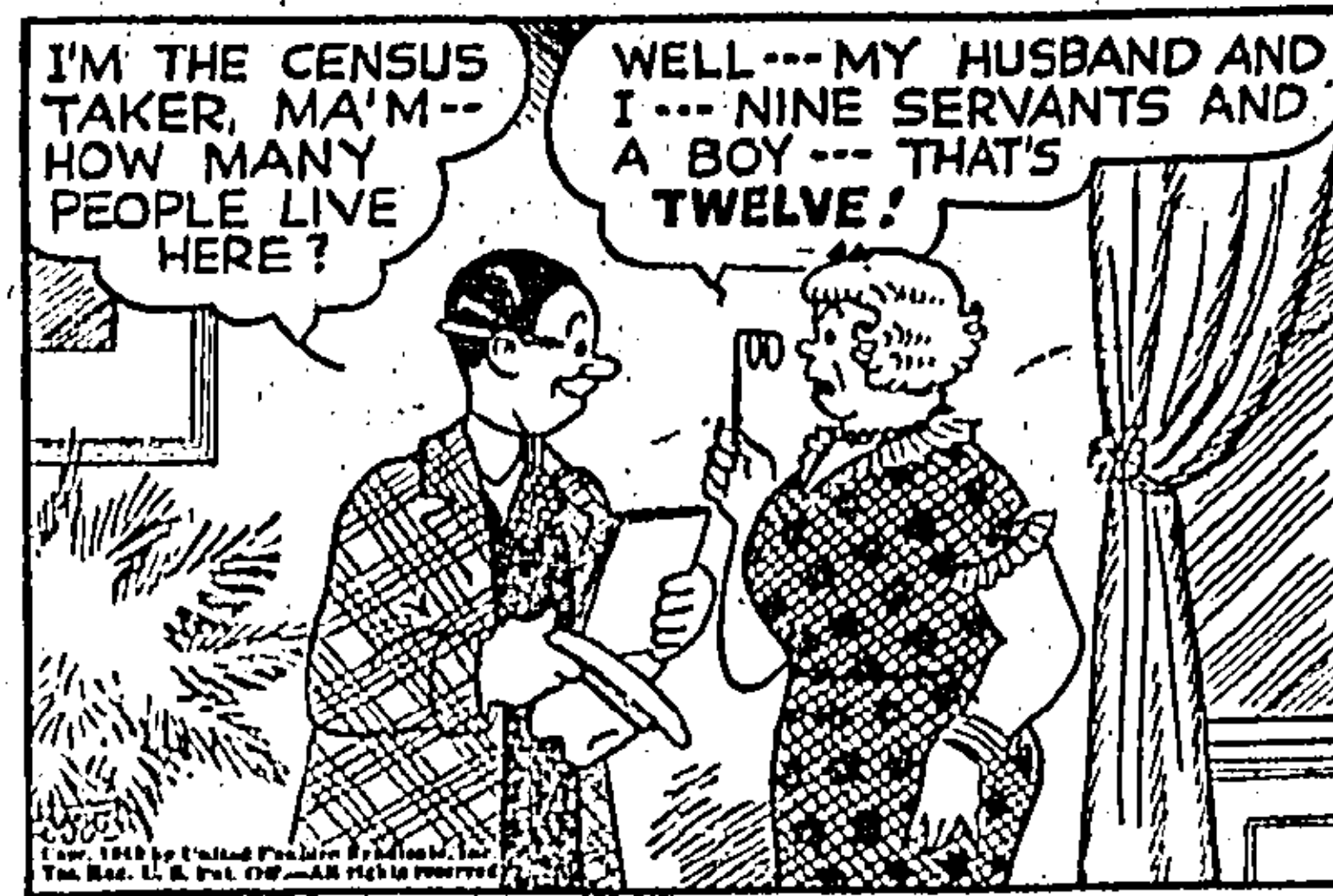
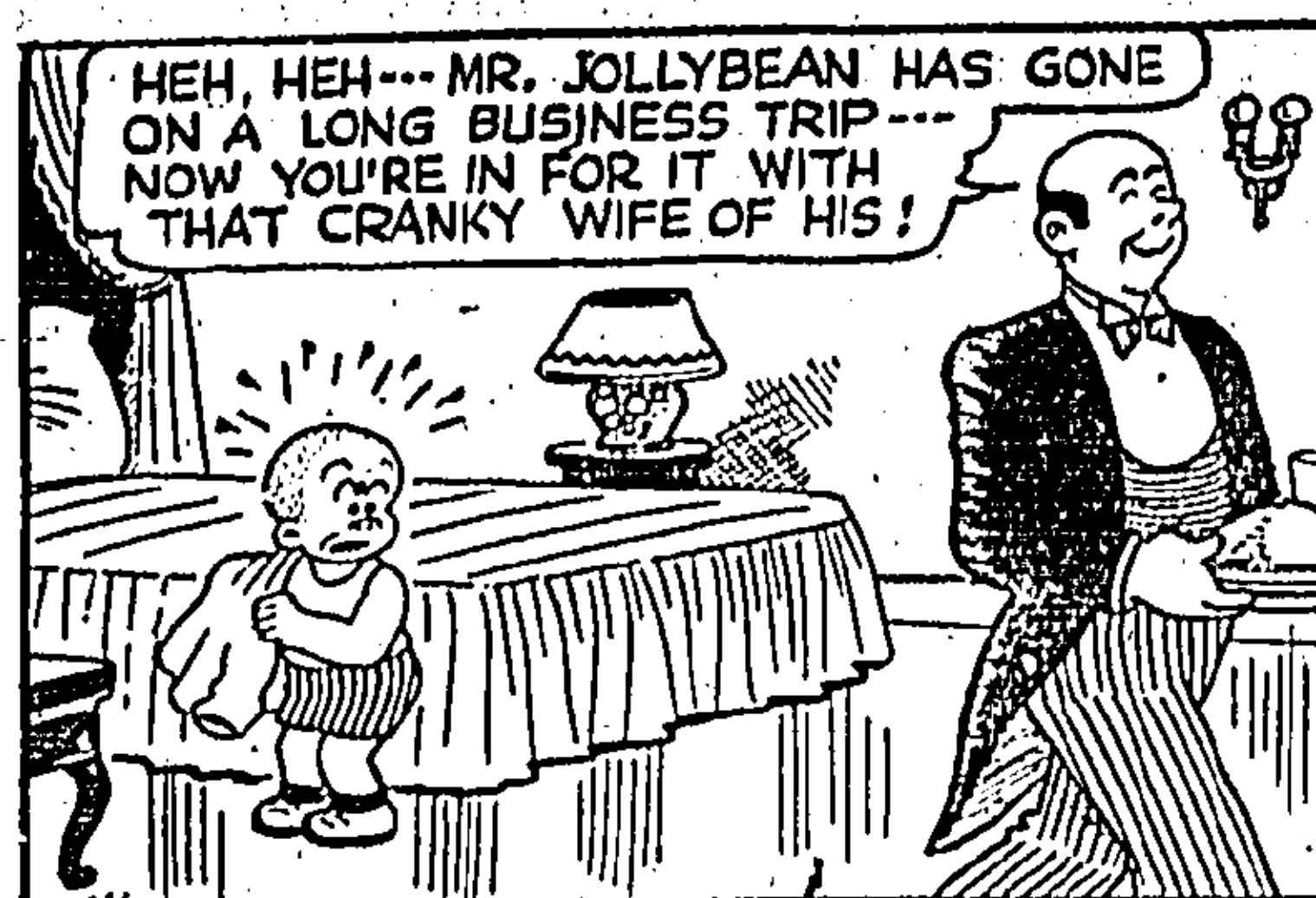
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NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

Famous Berlin Film Star Joins B.B.C.

GOEBBELS, the Nazi propaganda concoctor, got a big shock one night recently when he listened—as it is known he does—to the B.B.C. German language broadcast. He heard the voice of Karl Stepanek, one of Germany's most popular film stars, scotch quite a lot of faked news given to the German people about Britain.

Only a few weeks ago Goebbels himself congratulated Karl Stepanek on his latest Berlin-produced film, "Women Are Better Diplomats."

Stepanek left almost at once for a holiday, and—after an adventurous journey—through Europe—reached London.

Millions of Germans know Stepanek by sight and voice through his films, and probably some of them had seen him on the screen only an hour or two before hearing him talk to them from London.

He has starred in about 30 films, and his last was finished only on the eve of his flight from Germany.

"I could see the Berlin cinema fans sit up when they heard my name announced from London," Herr Stepanek told a reporter.

German listeners still tune in to London despite the death penalty, he said.

Destroying "Fairy Tales"

"I rubbed my eyes when I arrived in London a few weeks ago," he said. "Although I never believed in the Nazi picture of Britain, I thought that at least some of their allegations might be based on facts."

"Now I am going to destroy the Goebbels fairy tales and tell the Germans the truth—and I am sure they will believe me."

"This is the first time that a German broadcast by the B.B.C. has mentioned the name of the speaker. Previously all talks were anonymous."

Herr Stepanek, who is the former husband of Miss Wanda Rotha, who won fame on the London stage, will probably broadcast regularly in the B.B.C. German news bulletins.

AT WORK ON A BALLOON



ACCURACY matters in this job of cutting out a pattern, but this girl doesn't need scissors. She's a member of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force repairing a barrage balloon at a depot near London.

TOLD TO FORGET—DIED

FINDING that a man his eighteen-year-old daughter was meeting was married, a Walthamstow, London, E., father visited the man, and thought he had stopped the association.

The man talked of divorce, but became reconciled with his wife. Then the father found his daughter had renewed the friendship and slapped her face. Soon afterwards she was found dead.

The father, sobbing bitterly, told the story at the Walthamstow inquest on the girl, Violet Edith Hodges, shorthand typist, of Blackhorse-lane, Walthamstow, who left him this note:

"I cannot live without him any more than he can live without me. Don't blame yourself. You could not help it."

"I know I have been the cause of lots of rows between you and mother. It upsets me very much to hear you quarrelling."

"Rather Liked Him"

A verdict of Suicide while the balance of mind was disturbed was recorded.

John Richard Hodges said his daughter made the acquaintance of a tool-maker employed at the same factory. They understood that he was single and aged about thirty, but later they learned that he was living apart from his wife and was much older.

"We were somewhat upset, but she seemed so fond of him that I went to see him," he continued. "I rather liked the man, and, unfortunately, I let it continue, but her mother was against it right through."

"A few months ago the man and his wife came together again. He had talked about a divorce."

Caused Quarrels

Mr. Hodges added that he and his wife quarrelled over the affair. His daughter seemed to be happy with the man. One Saturday night, after having been told that the girl had been going to the pictures with a man on successive Saturday nights, he questioned her when she returned home.

"She said she had been to the pictures with Len," said the father, "and when she said she had been with him before I lost my temper and smacked her face."

On the Sunday morning she refused to unlock her bedroom door, although he told her he was sorry he had struck her.

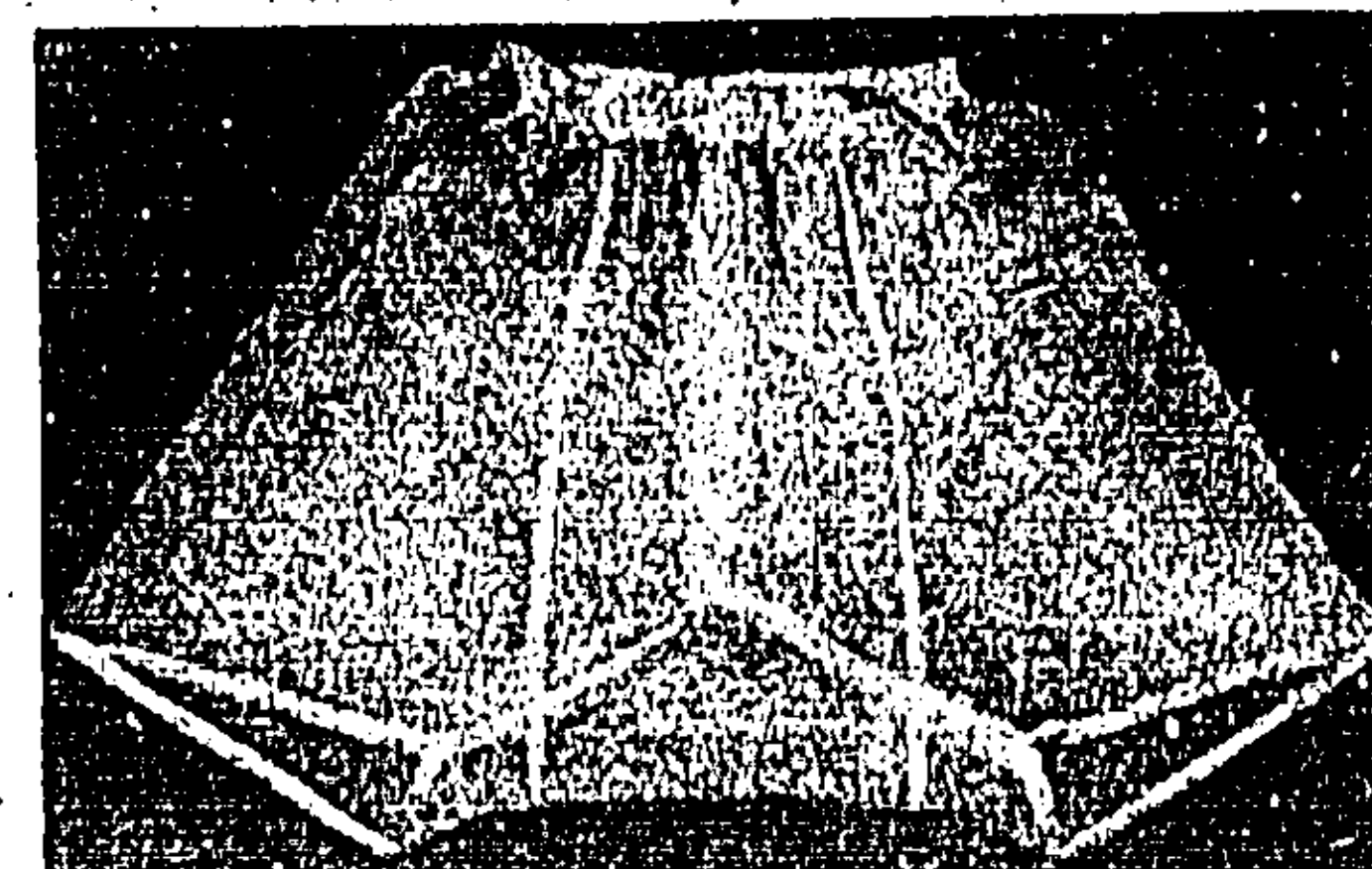
In the evening, Mr. Hodges, with his wife and two sons, visited a relative, and on their return, shortly after midnight, found the girl dead in the scullery with her head in a gas oven.

H.M.S. SEAL OVERDUE

London, May 12.

An Admiralty communiqué to-day states that the submarine Seal is overdue and must be presumed lost. Cmdr. R. P. Lonsdale was in command of Seal.—United Press.

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BY YOUR LEAVE MURDER

NEW YORK. Dasher" Abbondano, who murdered Murtha, Golob and Abbondano were arrested this week-end on charges of murder.

Murtha was killed when walking down the street with a girl. Two men, hitherto unidentified, walked up, politely asked the girl to stand aside for a moment, and then shot Murtha eight times.

To-day Thomas Dewey, New York's "racket-buster," stepped into the investigations. His officers arrested Alfred Tannenbaum and Charles Workman, former associates of "Lepke" Buchalter, New York's underworld boss until Dewey sent him to prison.

Abbondano, who is reported to have confessed at his wife's insistence, as she is going to have a baby in June, told the police that it was "Max the Jerk" Golob, with "Frank the

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That was the instruction of a French colonel who required to know the strength of the German forces opposing his men.

Just before dawn a French sub-lieutenant and his men silently bridged a narrow stream separating the French and German lines and stole into a German village.

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He entered a cottage by a back door. Not a sign of life, but there were blankets in which soldiers had slept.

As he opened the front door and stepped into the little winding street he came face-to-face with two Germans.

One was a sergeant-major, the other a private.

The sergeant-major carried a sub-machine-gun. He raised it to fire on the lieutenant, but before he could fire the lieutenant had wounded him with a revolver shot. The German private ran away.

Aroused by the shooting, several Germans rushed out from houses further along the street.

The lieutenant slung the wounded sergeant-major across his shoulders, and with the corporal and his men covering him he carried his prisoner back towards the French lines.

As he recrossed the stream the plank bridge sagged under the double weight and lieutenant and prisoner were flung into the water.

The King examining the magnetic mine salvaged by Lt. Commander Ouy's party of experts.

Remove Badges

The lieutenant swam ashore with his struggling prisoner, who was immediately put under the care of the doctor.

To avoid giving information to the French the German sergeant-major had cut his numerals from his shoulder strap and his rank from his sleeves, but the French traced both rank and regiment by other means.

The German was engaged to a girl in Berlin. He carried snapshots of her in his pocket.

The doctor did everything he could for the wounded man, but the German died some days after being taken.

French officers showed me his grave, which was surmounted by the black cross which is put over each enemy grave.

"He was a good soldier," said one. "He fought gamely, though wounded. We were very sorry we could not save his life."

EARL HAS TWO WEDDINGS

But No Honeymoon

By MORLEY RICHARDS
HAARLEM (Holland).

THE Earl of Chichester, who is twenty-seven, was married recently to Miss Ursula de Pannwitz, a slim, black-haired heiress. To-morrow he will be back at his work in the British Legation at The Hague.

On Thursday he and his bride will be married again, at the tiny English church at Bennebroek, near Haarlem. But there will still be no honeymoon.

The earl is British propaganda chief in Holland. The Nazis have recently intensified their propaganda and the earl is staying on the job to counter their attack.

Miss de Pannwitz's widowed mother has a country estate at Bennebroek, and she gave a reception there after the civil marriage, performed by the Burgomaster of Haarlem.

Prince Bernhard, husband of Princess Juliana, attended the reception. So did the British Minister, Sir Neville Bland, and diplomats of other countries.

The war prevented most of Lord Chichester's family coming from England to the wedding, but his sister, Lady Betty Pallam, is expected to arrive in Holland in time for the second ceremony.

The new Countess of Chichester was born in the Argentine. Her grandfather went to South America in the 70's, penniless, and made a fortune.

News Of Nazi Planes

London, May 12. The Dutch radio at short intervals since 5 a.m. broadcast Dutch Air Ministry warnings of the presence of German planes in many localities. Nearly all the planes sighted were flying from south-east to north-west.

Two groups of German machines were seen over Amerongen. Eighteen German planes flew over the island of Terschelling at an altitude of only 300 feet. Eight Heinkels flew over Norderk.

The Brussels radio gave a warning early in the morning that 31 German bombers were sighted over Aent, flying in a westerly direction. -Reuter.

Disguised Parachutists
Amsterdam, May 12. German parachutists disguised as clergymen, peasants and in Dutch uniforms have been arrested in several towns in Holland. A detachment of Dutch soldiers was attacked to-day near The Hague by a group of "Dutchmen" who proved to be German soldiers. -Reuter Bulletin.

More Parachutists
Brussels, May 12. Hundreds of German parachutists landed in the suburbs of Brussels during the night. Nearly all of them have now been rendered harmless.

About 40 German planes were brought down in Belgium yesterday. The German parachutists are now carrying dummies with them when they jump. As soon as they land the dummies laid on the ground give the impression that the Germans are dead and the parachutists escape. -Reuter Bulletin.

RED KIMONO GIRL WEDS

THE famous Reno, Nevada, "girl in the red kimono," who single-handed broke up a huge international dope ring, married the Sheriff who once sent her to prison.

The bride was Joyce McAllister, twenty-eight, who first came to Reno for divorce, writes a New York correspondent. She was goaded for passing worthless cheques, and was placed in the same cell as Isabel McCracken, a drug addict.

Police suspected that McCracken was in contact with a powerful underworld dope syndicate, but they could not make her talk.

Joyce, however, gained the woman's confidence by easing her sufferings when deprived of drugs. When Joyce was released she continued to visit McCracken and took her gifts.

Finally the addict gave Joyce money and pleaded with her to go to a certain dark alley and give a secret password and buy cocaine.

Joyce learned that the dope ring preyed on young students, and she vowed to smash the syndicate even at the cost of her life.

Posing as an addict she cleverly secured the confidence of criminals who knew her as "the girl in the red kimono."

On the evidence Joyce secured, all the leaders of the gang were goaded. She was helped in her investigations by Sheriff Roy Root, who had goaded her on the cheque charge, and their wedding sealed their partnership.

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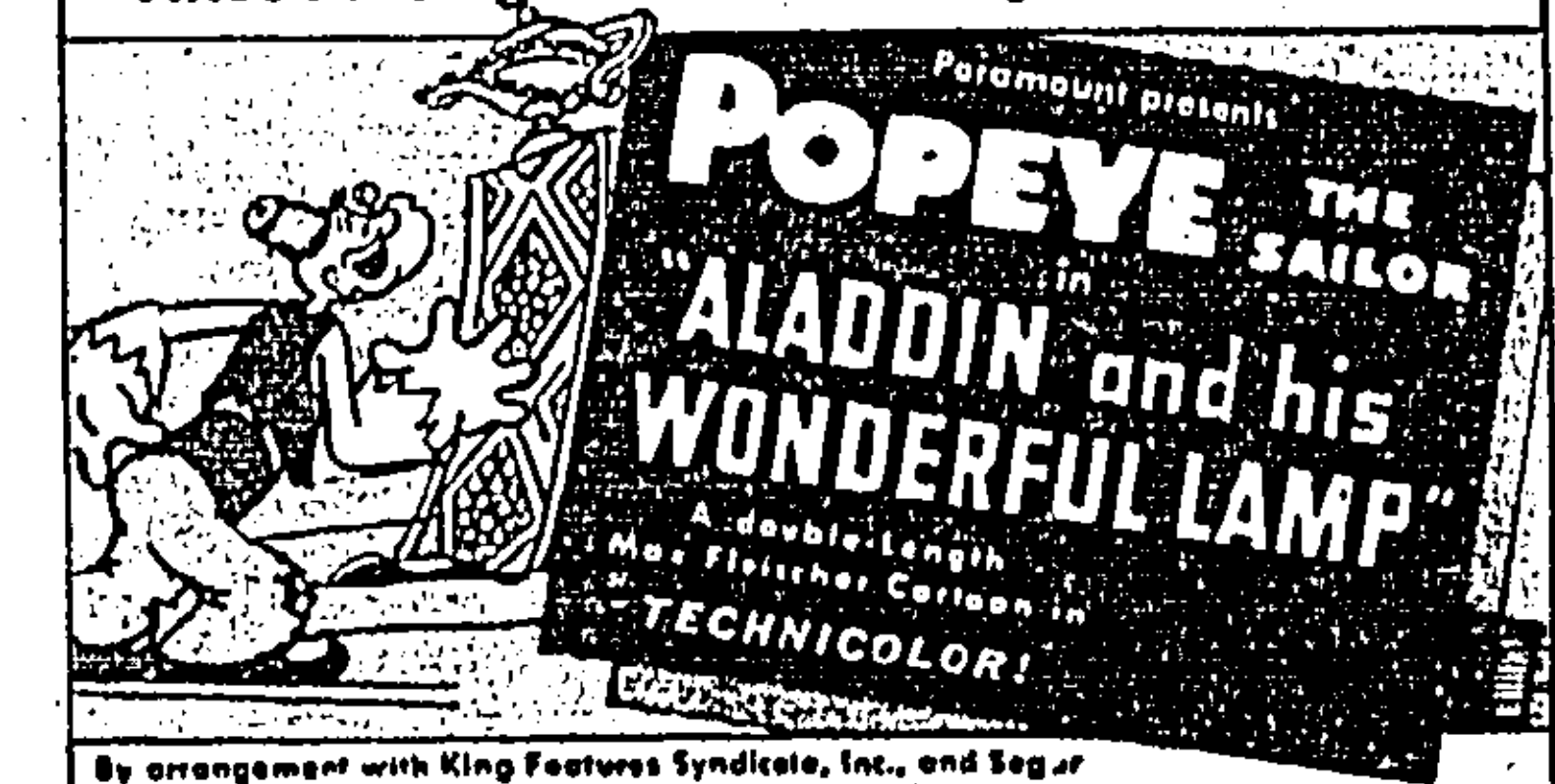
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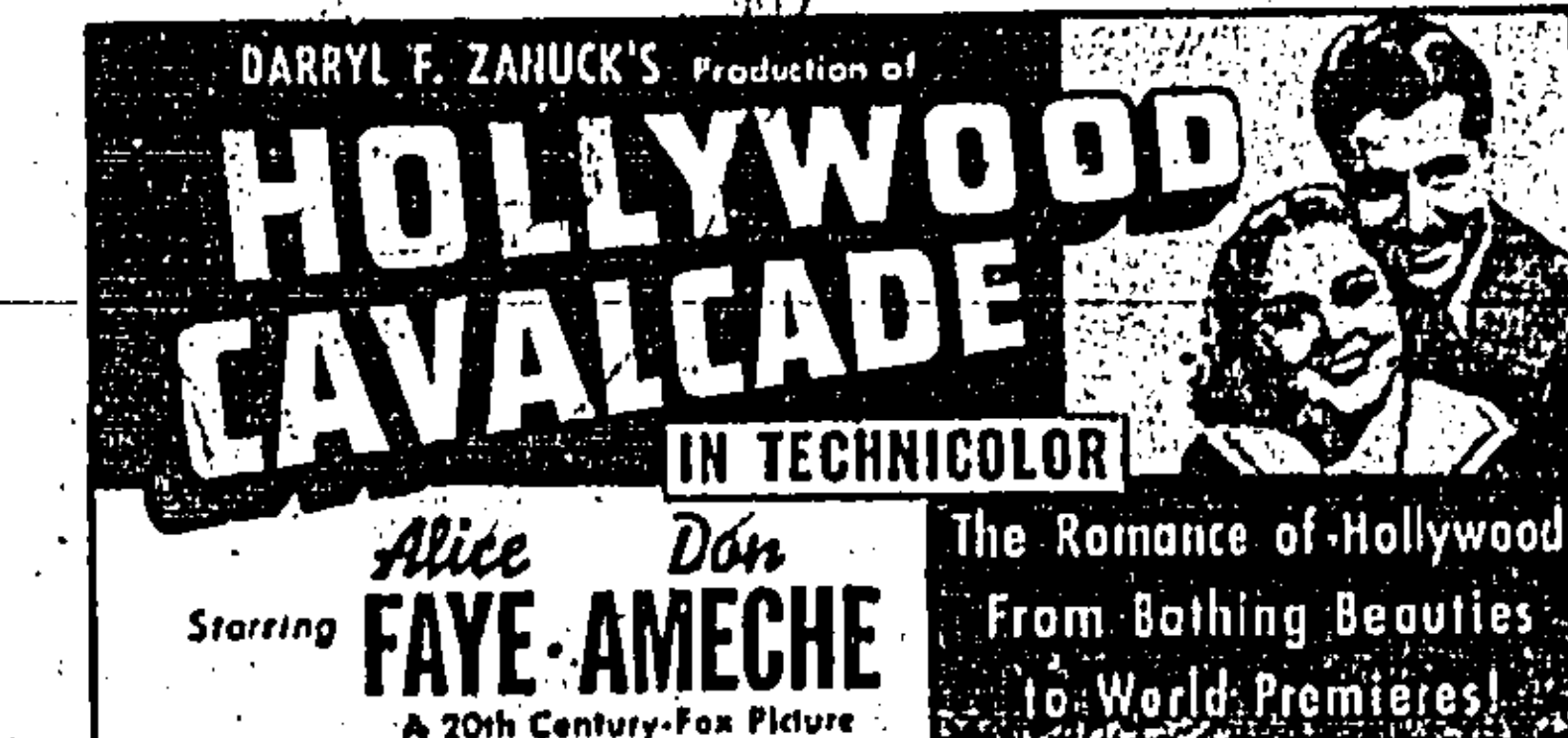


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JAPAN AND WAR

Non-Intervention Policy Is Favoured

Tokyo, May 12. The Japanese to the end will adhere to the policy of non-intervention in the European war, and in view of Japan devoting itself to the maintenance of peace and order in East Asia, the Japanese Government is determined to take positive defence measures in case of necessity.

This is the gist of a statement made by Mr. Hachiro Arita, Minister of Foreign Affairs, who in accordance with the decision made at yesterday's Cabinet Meeting, invited to the Dome.

CLAIMS FROM BERLIN

Berlin, May 12. A High Command communiqué claims that the Germans have shot down between 600 and 700 enemy planes in the past two days. Luxembourg is totally occupied and advances have been made in Belgium and Holland. On the Western Front the attack is continuing. -United Press.

Foreign Office yesterday afternoon one after another from 4.25 o'clock onwards, all the belligerent representatives including Major-Gen. Eugen Ott, German Ambassador, Gen. J. C. Pabst, Netherlands Minister, Mr. J. L. Dods, British Counselor as proxy of Sir Robert Craigie, the British Foreign Affairs, and Mr. Charles Arsene, the French Ambassador. -Cabinet Meeting, invited to the Dome.

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GRAPHIC STORY FROM BELGIUM BY A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT



REFUGEES TELL OF GREAT BATTLE FOR LIEGE FORTS: FEROCIOUS FIGHTING

By RICHARD McMILLAN

UNITED PRESS WAR CORRESPONDENT WITH THE B.E.F. IN BELGIUM
SOMEWHERE IN BELGIUM, MAY 12 (UP).—ENTRENCHED IN THE FIELDS OF BELGIUM WHERE THEIR FATHERS FOUGHT AND DIED JUST OVER A QUARTER OF A CENTURY AGO, HALF A MILLION BELGIANS ARE FIERCELY ATTACKING THE HORDES OF GERMAN WHO ARE NOW POURING ACROSS THE FRONTIER OVER THE MEUSE RIVER.

The battle that is developing in front of Liege this morning is by far the greatest the world has experienced since the World War. It may, as Allied reinforcements rush up to join the intrepid Belgians, become the world's greatest battle in history.

Upon this battle, declares a Belgian communique, may depend the whole future of civilisation.

THE DIE CAST

"The Nazis are throwing everything they possess into the battle," refugees who arrived in Brussels said last night.

Old men and women who were young men and women in the last war are fleeing for the second time in their lives before the invading Germans.

Roads everywhere are choked with men, and materials, mechanised units and tanks and big artillery pieces moving northwards, and with refugees moving southwards.

The Royal Air Force alone has definitely accounted for 102 of the armada of German planes who are ruthlessly bombing and machine-gunning refugees and troops alike.

No Sleep For R.A.F.

There is no sleep for the R.A.F. pilots.

Their machines are on the ground only long enough to be re-fuelled and replenished with bombs and ammunition.

From dawn to dusk they bomb and machine-gun the mass of German infantry and mechanised units pouring through the highways leading to the Dutch and Belgian frontiers.

From dusk to dawn they are bombing German aerodromes, dispersing German trains, smashing up troop concentrations.

Both sides are unsparring in the ferocity of their effort.

But it is the Germans who are showing no mercy to civilians. Men and women working in fields, as they worked in the same fields 25 years ago, have discovered that it is no longer safe to be out of range of the big guns or the front lines.

On peasant women told me: "The German planes began machine-gunning us as we were working in the fields."

"We had to bury ourselves in the mud. It was terrifying."

Dozens of refugees who are fleeing southwards from the Liege area say that the cannonading there is on a greater scale than in 1914, when the Germans attacked the fortresses there.

Battle in Ardennes

PARIS, May 12 (Reuter).—An official communique states that enemy pressure in Belgium continues west of Maastricht and in the region of Tongres.

The communique adds: "The enemy is being strongly harassed by Allied air action on bridges in the region of Maastricht and on enemy columns, which are suffering heavy losses."

"The advance of our troops into the central part of Belgium is proceeding normally."

"The enemy made an important effort in the region of the Belgian Ardennes, where violent encounters have occurred."

Fighting in Holland

German troops have succeeded in crossing the rivers Maas (Meuse) and

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British Cabinet Changes

DUFF-COOPER BACK AGAIN

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Sir Kingsley Wood, formerly Air Minister, then Lord Privy Seal, is the new Chancellor of the Exchequer under the Premiership of Mr. Winston Churchill.

The appointment is by far the most dramatic of Mr. Churchill's reorganised Cabinet.

Sir John Simon, who recently introduced a record budget, which sent the standard income tax to 7s. 6d. in the Pound, and which increased the price of whisky to 18s. 6d. a bottle, has been deposed.

Sir John's new appointment is that of Lord Chancellor.

Malcolm MacDonald Out

Another somewhat unexpected change in personnel is the substitution of Mr. Malcolm MacDonald as Secretary for the Colonies by Lord Lloyd, formerly High Commissioner in Palestine.

Sir John Anderson retains his post as Home Secretary.

Mr. Herbert Morrison, who was Postmaster-General, now becomes Minister of Supply in place of Mr. Leslie Burgin.

Duff-Cooper Returns

One of the most interesting appointments is that of Mr. A. Duff-Cooper, who was formerly First Lord of the Admiralty and who resigned after Munich, and who now becomes Minister of Information vice Sir John Reith.

Sir Andrew Duncan is retained as President of the Board of Trade.

Consultations are still proceeding with interests concerned regarding other posts to be filled in the Government, and it is expected that further changes will be made.

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LATEST

NAZIS ARE LEFT STRANDED

Deposits Confiscated By Dutch Govt.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

TOKYO, May 12 (Domei).—Germans who fled to Japan on the outbreak of war—many are from Hongkong—have suddenly found themselves bereft of funds as a result of the Nazi invasion of the Lowlands, it was declared here to-day.

The majority of the Germans deposited their funds in Dutch banks.

Now, according to reports, the funds have been confiscated.

It is believed that German funds in the Dutch Bank in Kobe alone amount to 1,600,000 yen.

No Japanese Action

The Dutch Banks are permitted to resort to seizure under Article 10 of the Japanese Banking Regulations, which permits seizure after a notice giving the reason has been issued.

The Japanese Government does not intend to take any action with regard to the alleged seizure of German funds, at least for the time being.

Japanese newspapers, nevertheless, appear gravely concerned this morning by the Daventry relay by Dr. van Kleffens, the Netherlands Foreign Minister, who affirmed in his broadcast that the Netherlands intended to fight Germany in full co-operation with the Allies and intended, also, to place the entire resources of the country and its colonies at the disposal of the Allies.

Japanese Warning

Japanese newspapers assert that Japan could not overlook any action of this nature on the part of the Netherlands Government, and claim that it would bring the Dutch Indies within the orbit of the European conflict.

Reports from the Netherlands East Indies state that Japanese residents

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Nazis Threat Of Reprisals

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).

"Immediate and most violent reprisals" for any ill-treatment of German parachutists are threatened in an announcement by the official German news agency.

It declares that parachutists are part of the German regular troops and adds: "Their special uniform is not camouflaged and cannot be mistaken for the uniform of foreign armies or civilian clothes."

There is a marked contrast between Berlin's reaction to the Nazi invasions of Scandinavia and the Lowlands.

The invasion of Norway and Denmark were received with calm by the German populace.

The invasion of Belgium and Holland, on the other hand, has created considerable tension amongst the men—home-street.

The geographical proximity of the new theatre of war to Germany is the principal reason for the nervousness now manifest in Berlin.

Fear Mass Raids

German people, recalling the last war, realise that both Belgium and Holland are infinitely better equipped to resist the German invasion.

Fear of mass air raids are also evident, even in official circles.

Air Raid precautions have been perfected and blackouts in Berlin

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ROUND-UP OF ALIENS

Dramatic Move By Home Secretary

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, May 12, (UP).—The first blow under the new and more stringent Defence Regulations has been struck by Sir John Anderson, the Home Secretary, who has ordered a nation-wide round-up of all enemy aliens.

He has also ordered that all other aliens, which includes United States nationals, conform in future to a curfew.

Blow To "Fifth Column"

So far this has been the hardest blow to be dealt by Britain against the "Fifth Column."

It is also directed against the danger of a parachute invasion of England.

The order affects an area covering the entire east coast of England and Scotland, from the Isle of Wight to the Moray Firth.

The Metropolitan Police area of London is not affected.

Dutch Precautions

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, May 12 (UP).—Radio-Amsterdam announces that the Commander in Chief at Rotterdam has forbidden all religious meetings, even in churches, either to-day or tomorrow.

The announcement said that the public reported to be attending such meetings will be apprehended.

have suddenly become more stringent and complete.

A curfew has been imposed in the capital and all dance-halls, bars and cafes are closed at nightfall.

Zessen and other German broadcasting stations have stopped broadcasting propaganda programmes in Norwegian and Danish and are now broadcasting in Dutch and Flemish.

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GERMANS ATTACK MAGINOT LINE

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—With speed and precision, the Allied advance troops are taking up their posts beside the Dutch and Belgians.

More and more troops are pouring in with their support.

Events are developing in the Saarland, south of Luxembourg, and at the northern end of the Maginot Line, where fighting broke out on Saturday night.

The German artillery there is keeping up a violent fire.

A Paris expert says that this is a most serious offensive against the Maginot Line but its scale of significance remains to be seen.

The main German drive seems to be directed at the regions near the Albert Canal in Belgium and the Moselle south of Luxembourg.

This might mean that they are either trying to turn the flank of the Maginot Line or that they are trying to drive a wedge through to the sea between Belgium and Holland.

M. Spaak, the Belgian Foreign Minister, told press representatives yesterday that events were developing just as they had been expected by the Belgian General Staff.

Since Saturday night the situation was more or less stabilised.

A Belgian communique says that the Belgian troops are pulling up an energetic resistance and are defending step by step the positions assigned to them by the plan of operations.

Enemy troops which had obtained a foothold on the defence system have made little headway from Maastricht towards Hasselt.

Unconfirmed reports from Brussels yesterday afternoon stated that the Belgians had reformed their lines and had counter-attacked yesterday morning.

Hasselt, which is only 15 miles from Liege to Brussels.

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TURKEY ON THE ALERT

More Reservists To Be Called Up

ISTANBUL, May 12 (Reuter).

Measures to ensure instant mobilisation in the event of a sudden emergency are now being taken, but it is emphasised that they have no other significance.

They aim at bringing the reserves up to strength. Thus the military centres at Istanbul have begun calling up, for census purposes and for a review of their cases, eleven classes of reservists from 25 to 35 years of age inclusive.

Reserve officers of all ranks, including generals, must report for their military situation to be reviewed.

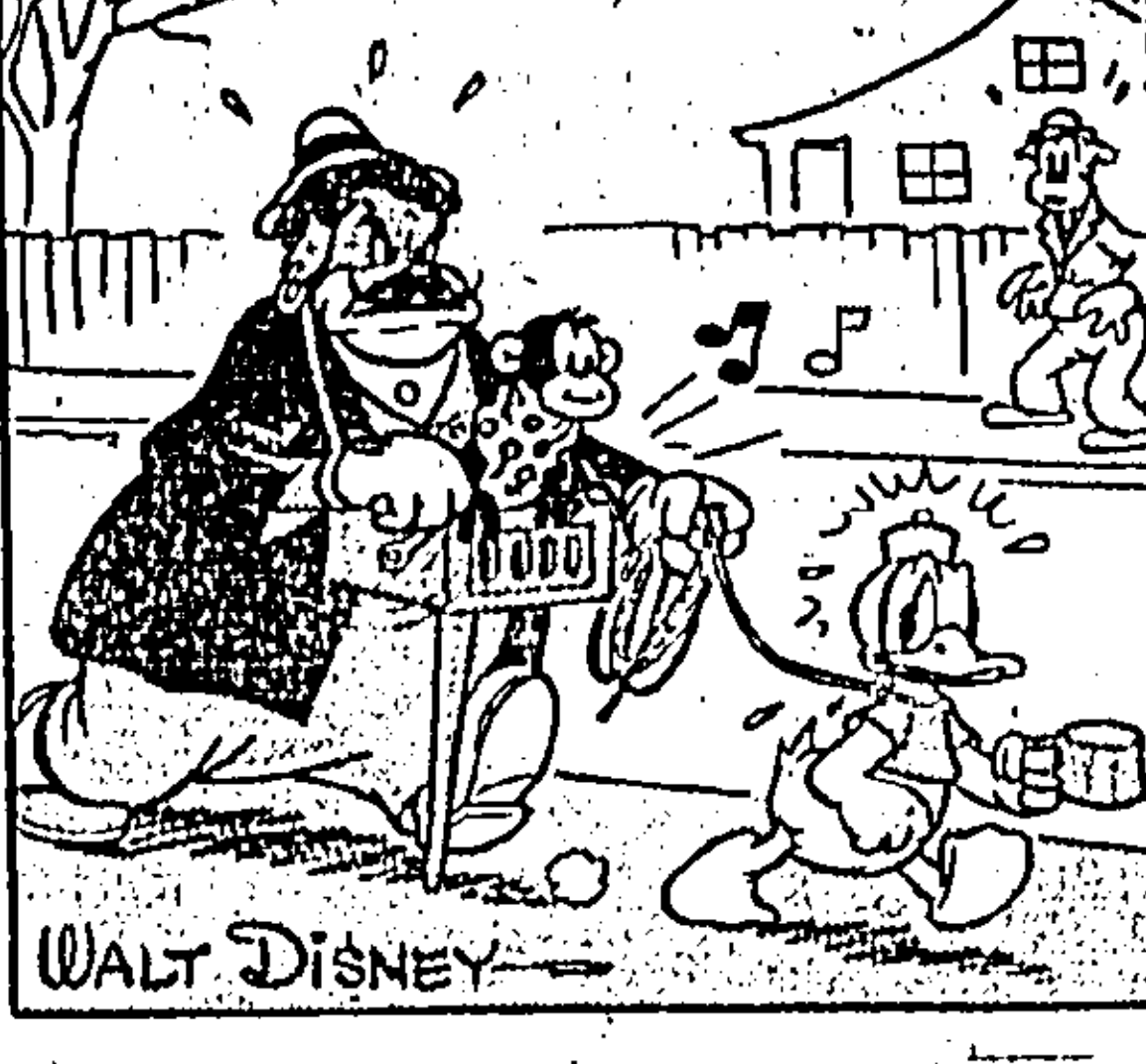
BOMB WOMEN, CHILDREN

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—According to a Dutch radio station broadcast, the Germans bombed two trains full of women and children bound from Liege to Brussels.

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GERMANS ATTACK
MAGINOT LINE

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from the Belgian frontier, is slightly south of the Albert Canal.

Heavy fighting is developing further south in the mountainous forest regions of the Belgian Ardennes.

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Forty German planes were shot down over Belgium on Saturday.

310-Mile Front

PARIS, May 12 (Dome).—Fighting has now become general on a 310-mile front extending from the River Moselle to the Limburg Appendix, according to reports issued in Paris this morning.

The Germans launched a heavy attack on the Maginot Line along a 30-mile front yesterday morning, the cannonading and infantry assaults being particularly violent in the Vosges area.

French forces strongly counter-attacked and the big guns of the Maginot's underground fortresses are effectively preventing the Germans from consolidating any advances they have made across what was, for eight months No Man's Land.

A "Reuter" message from Paris states that fighting has also commenced on the Franco-Luxembourg frontier, and the enemy attacked French posts between the forest of Warndt and the Saar.

German aviation has shown great activity, especially in the north, north-east and east of France, and anti-aircraft guns and British and French planes have had a particularly busy time.

Thirty German planes were shot down in France alone during the day.

CABINET
CHANGES

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their announcements will be made to-morrow.

Labour Support

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that at the Labour Party Conference at Bourne-mouth to-morrow, Mr. C. R. Attlee will move a resolution endorsing the unanimous decision of the National Executive Committee that the Party should make its share as a full partner in the Government, which is under the new Prime Minister, and which commands the nation's confidence.

The resolution, which is certain to receive an overwhelming majority, pledges the full support of the Conference to the new Government "in its effort to secure a swift victory and a just peace."

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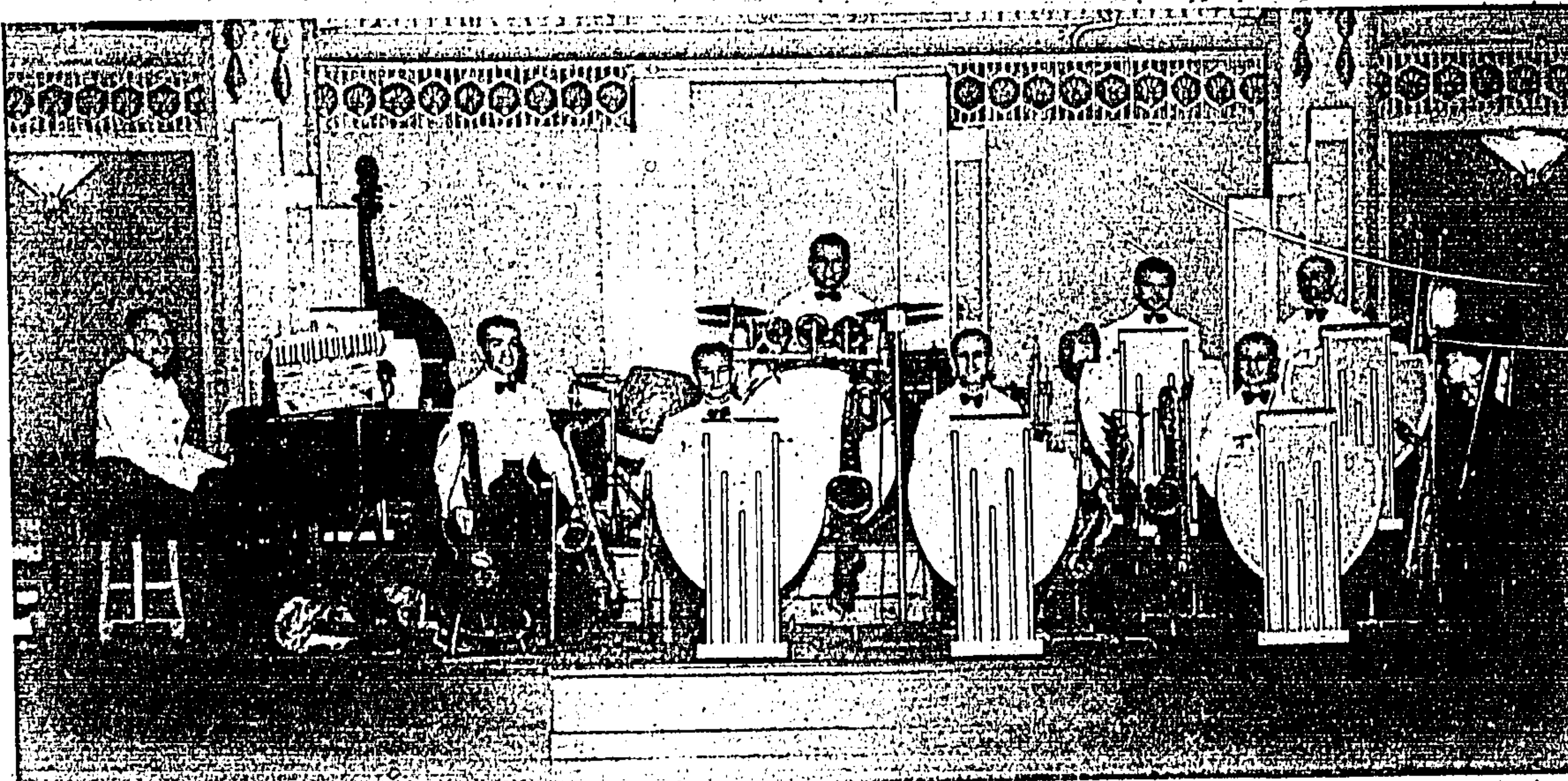
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Steady batting by T. R. Hunter, B. C. Fay, C. Pope and A. Kirby enabled the Police to total 131, and following an equally steady knock by H. T. Barma, and forceful batting by A. R. Sufiad and M. R. Abbas the closing minutes of the game were fraught with excitement.

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B. C. Fay, c. Razaek, b. Ramjahn 22
H. T. Barma, c. Razaek, b. Ramjahn 15
C. Pope, c. Razaek, b. Ramjahn 13
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GERMANS
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FROM PAGE ONE

there remain calm. The authorities have taken steps to restrict the usual activities of the Japanese.

It was stated early this morning that the action of the Netherlands Government in permitting British and French troops to land in the Dutch West Indies is regarded by the Japanese Government as being contrary to the undertaking given by the Netherlands authorities.

The Foreign Office considered the situation arising from this occupation at a conference this morning.

Baseball

Yankees
Defeat
Red Sox

NEW YORK, May 10 (UP).—New York Yankees succeeded in beating the Boston Red Sox to-day, Ruffing while-washing the Red Sox batters, while the Yankees tallied 4 runs.

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Boston 0 0 0 0
New York 4 9 0 0
(Ruffing pitched for the Yankees).
Washington 2 6 0 0
Philadelphia 4 10 1 0
Chicago 4 9 0 0
Detroit 3 8 1 0
St. Louis 5 12 1 0
Cleveland 2 9 0 0

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 7 9 0 0
St. Louis 1 4 3 0
Cincinnati 13 11 1 0
St. Louis 4 10 4 0
New York 3 10 0 0
Boston 2 9 1 0
Philadelphia 3 7 2 0
Brooklyn 5 6 1 0
Pittsburgh 5 10 2 0
Chicago 7 9 0 0

Scotland Has 30
Min. Raid Warning
LONDON, May 12 (British Wire-
less).—Air raid warnings were
sounded in northern Scotland shortly
after noon to-day.

The "Raiders Passed" signal was
given half an hour later.

CLAIMS FROM BERLIN

Berlin, May 12.
A High Command communique
claims that the Germans have shot
down between 600 and 700 enemy
planes in the past two days.
Luxembourg is totally occupied and
advances have been made in Belgium
and Holland. On the Western Front
the attack is continuing.—United
Press.

Sustaining its reputation for enterprise, the Gloucester Hotel has engaged a new dance band which is now playing nightly in the hotel's ballroom to the delight and satisfaction of its patrons.

Eight in number, the band, known as the Gloucester Hotel Music Masters, has gained immediate popularity for its musicianship, snappy rhythm and ideal tempo. Swing is given its proper place in the band's nightly programme, supported by a series of skilfully presented comedy numbers, and blended with strict-tempo modern waltzes, slow fox-trots and tangos.

GRAPHIC STORY
FROM BELGIUM

FROM PAGE ONE

Yssel in Holland, according to an official communique issued by the Dutch High Command last night.

Dutch frontier troops have made a partial withdrawal according to plan, says "Reuter," quoting the communique.

The advancing Germans were heavily bombed by both Dutch and Allied aeroplanes.

French troops which were rushed to the assistance of Holland have now contacted the Germans in the province of Brabant and are in action.

French Troops In Action

A French communique, confirming that French troops are now in action in Holland, states that the situation there is in hand.

Parachutists are being rounded up throughout the Netherlands.

Several Germans who landed at an undisclosed point seized a motor bus, from which they fired indiscriminately into civilians until they were killed.

Germans are no longer in control of any Dutch aerodromes. Their final hold-out was at Waalhaven airport at Rotterdam, where they were finally wiped out when heavy artillery was brought to bear.

The Dutch authorities are now purging Rotterdam of isolated German bands.

The Dutch navy is cooperating with the troops in the defence of the country.

Germans All Ousted

THE HAGUE, May 12 (Dome).—All Dutch aerodromes occupied by German parachute troops have now been recaptured by the Dutch Army.

German troops have entered Haringen and Groningen, in the far north, according to a German claim.

Fighting on the southern fronts has settled down to trench warfare.

Strong Dutch forces are now entrenched in the main defence lines, which the Germans have been unable to pierce at any point.

British troops are expected to enter the front lines in both Holland and Belgium by noon on Monday.

Since yesterday morning, over 150 German planes have been brought down over Belgium and Holland.

Ambassador Leaves

BRUSSELS, May 12 (UP).—According to an official Belgian communique issued to-day, over 40 German planes were brought down in Belgium during Saturday.

The day was also marked by the departure from the country of the German Ambassador and his staff.

The communique adds that a few hundred German parachute troops were dropped during the night in

BELGIUM
IS FIRM

Brussels, May 12.

The radio states that by a Royal decree Belgium has been divided into army and interior zones. The army zones include the provinces of Limburg, Liege, Luxembourg, Namur and several districts of Brabant. The remaining part of the country forms the interior.—Reuter.

Germans Retire

Brussels, May 12.

Belgian forces counter-attack this morning and forced the Germans to retire in the direction of Hasselt.—Reuter.

Belgians Fall Back

Paris, May 12.

A spokesman of the French War Ministry stated to-day that the Belgian forces were at present making a general falling back movement in good order along their line.

After taking the town of Maestricht, the Germans crossed the Albert Canal and were advancing east of it.

The spokesman added that, without being alarming, the situation was therefore serious west of Maestricht.—Reuter.

Stubborn Belgian Defence

Brussels, May 12.

An official communique issued at midday states: "Putting up energetic resistance to the invaders, our troops continue to defend step by step the positions which have been assigned them under the plan of operations."

"Enemy forces which penetrated into our defensive dispositions made no important progress."

"At several places groups of parachutists were annihilated. Numerous enemy aeroplanes were brought down."—Reuter.

Yugo-Slav's New Trade Pact

BELGRADE, May 12 (Reuter).—Yugo-Slavia has signed a trade and navigation pact with Soviet Russia. It is designed to increase their trade within the next two years by over £1,000,000.

Russia will buy copper, tin, lead, zinc and lead from Yugo-Slavia and Yugo-Slavia will buy farming implements, paraffin oil and cotton.

Each country will maintain a trade delegation in the other's capital.

In the vicinity of Brussels, most of whom were captured.

The statement also contended that Nazi parachutists were using human dummies to confuse Belgian soldiers.

POST OFFICE

GENERAL HOLIDAY

On Monday, the 13th May, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will be open from 8.00 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Sheungwan Branch Post Office will be open from 8 a.m. to 9.00 a.m. and the other Branch Post Offices will be entirely closed.

There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays and one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m.

The Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Tai Po and Tin Lung will also have one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.00 a.m. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

OUTWARD MAIL TIMES

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day. When mails are advertised to close after 5 p.m., Registered and Parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m.

INWARD MAILS

Haiphong May 13.
Japan and Shanghai May 13.
Saigon May 13.
Shanghai May 13.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 7th May: May 14.
Amoy May 14.
Saigon May 14.
Straits May 14.
Shanghai May 14.
Shanghai and Amoy May 14.
Straits and Manila May 14.
Air Mail by "Air France Direct Service"—Paris date, 8th May: May 15.
Java and Manila May 15.
Manila May 15.
Shanghai May 15.
Straits and Europe via Suez—(London date, 5th April) May 15.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—London date 8th May: May 16.

OUTWARD MAILS

Monday, May 13
Canton 5 p.m.
Tuesday, May 14
Fort Bayard 8.30 a.m.
Parcels only for Straits and London—due London, 23rd June.
Parcels Noon.
Haiphong and Parcels only for Tientsin 2.30 p.m.
Japan 3 p.m.
Manila, Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa, Egypt and Europe via Brindisi—due Brindisi 6th June.
G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Reg. 2.15 p.m.
Ord. 3.00 p.m.
Saigon 6.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 22nd May.
K.P.O.
Reg. May 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. May 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 14, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Malaya, Java and Australia by "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due Sydney, 20th May.
K.P.O.
Reg. May 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 14, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. May 14, 5 p.m.
Ord. May 14, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 21st May.
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MAGAZINE PAGE

POSTAGE STAMPS

have Started WARS



IN the South Atlantic, some 300 miles east of the Argentine Coast, lie the Falkland Islands. A perpetual mist enshrouds them. Rain falls on 250 days in the year, and the national dress of the islands is the mackintosh.

Some half-a-dozen nations have had, at different times, a hand in colonising these islands, which were ceded to Britain in 1771 and formally became a British colony in 1833. The Argentine has, however, always made a claim to the Falkland Islands, regarding them as illegally occupied, and a recent issue of Argentine stamps—one of which is reproduced—shows the islands quite plainly as Argentine territory.

The British Minister in Buenos Aires drew the attention of the Argentine Government to the fact that "no useful purpose can be served by such actions as the issue of the stamps in question," and there—thanks to the good sense of both nations—the matter ended.

Differences aroused by the issue of postage-stamps have not always been so simply settled in the past, and stamps can be numbered among the thousand-and-one ridiculous and trifling pretexts upon which the nations of the world have at various times thought fit to go to war.

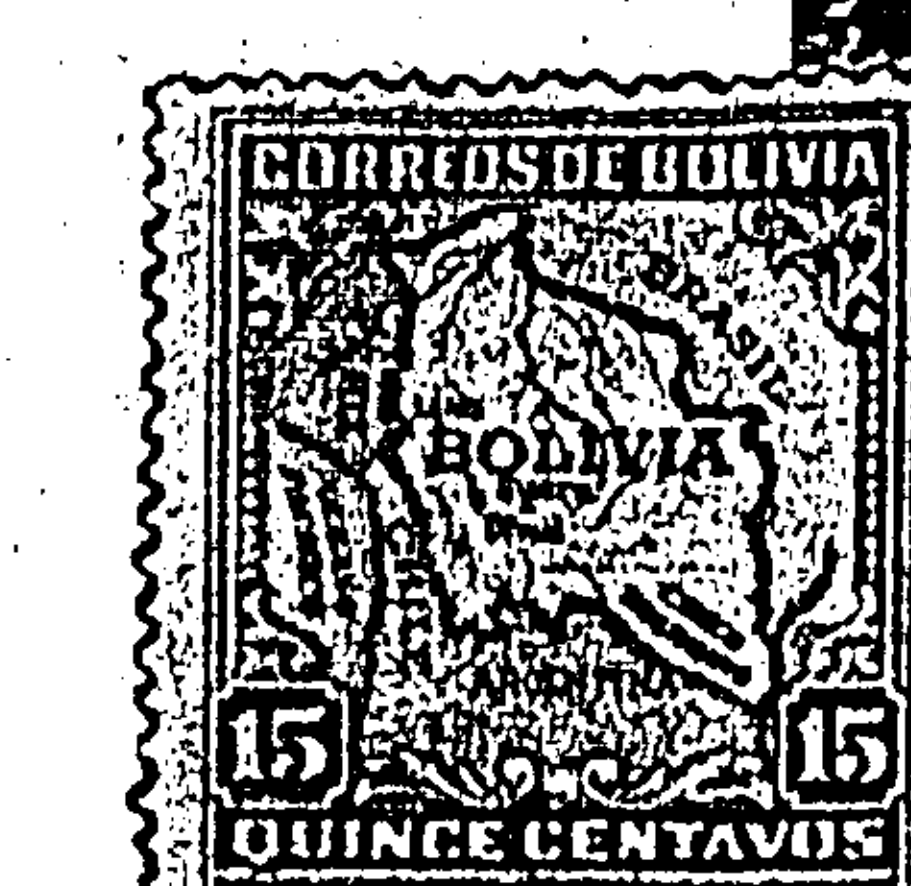
★ ★ ★
BITTER and bloody warfare was carried on Bolivia and Paraguay—at tremendous cost to the wealth and youth of both countries—for the possession of the Gran Chaco, before peace was finally brought about with the assistance of the League of Nations.

The south-western parts of the Gran Chaco are Argentine territory, and the northern districts were divided up, by a treaty of 1895, into nearly equal halves between Bolivia and Paraguay.

The boundary, however, was left vague and had been for some time a matter of dispute when, in 1927, Paraguay issued the lower one of the two stamps shown above. In it the whole of the disputed territory is marked "Chaco Paraguayo."

The stamp caused tremendous resentment at La Paz, capital of Bolivia, and the Government was urged to take reprisals. They issued a stamp of their own—above—showing the district as "Chaco Boliviano." This stamp-war here was all very well, but soon clashes occurred between frontier-guards—and once more nations were at war over a quibble.

★ ★ ★
Nobodies objected to the stamp, but it was printed on paper having as watermark the cross-shaped lotus flower. Many of the natives regarded the



use of the stamp as an offence against their feelings as good Moslems, and crowds rushed to attack Post Offices in Cairo and elsewhere.

Finally the Government agreed to withdraw the entire issue and to produce new stamps having as watermark the Crescent and Star. But police and soldiers had to prevent crowds from breaking into the Post Office.

Trouble in Egypt was only one of many disturbances occurring on account of postage-stamps, some times as in this case, purely the result of a misunderstanding and without any deliberate design, on other occasions stamps have been issued expressly to inflame national feeling, to lay claim to territory in dispute, or to glorify one country at the expense of its neighbours.

★ ★ ★
IN 1881 it was a postage-stamp which decided the fate of the Panama Canal.

It had been decided to construct a waterway between the Atlantic and Pacific, but



PARAGUAYAN SOLDIERS FIRING ON BOLIVIANS

For seven years war raged in the swamps and fever-infested jungles of the Gran Chaco claimed by both Bolivia and Paraguay. The issue of a postage stamp in 1927 claiming the whole of the "Chaco Boreal" was Paraguay's first attempt to annex the disputed territory.



the choice was wavering between the Isthmus of Panama and Nicaragua.

The construction of the canal promised enormous benefits to the country through which it passed, and there was keen competition between the two Governments, each stressing the advantages of their own and decriing the other as a site for the canal.

Panama, in particular, alleged that Nicaragua contained active volcanoes which might prove a peril to the work.

Nicaragua denied the charge and the question was almost decided in its favour when the Post Office issued a stamp—above—showing active volcanoes in the Nicaraguan countryside. It was agreed at the next session to build the canal through Panama.

OIL has been the world's biggest trouble-causer for 50 years.

In 1895 business groups in Venezuela, backed by the U.S., started a movement claiming 60,000 square miles of British territory on the border of British Guiana and Venezuela.



The agitation had the support of the U.S. President, Grover Cleveland.

It was even hinted that in case of trouble military support to Venezuela would not be lacking.

Tension reached its climax with the issue of the stamp above—showing the disputed territory on the river Orinoco as belonging to Venezuela.

Happily, the dispute was submitted to arbitration, the stamps withdrawn, and a peaceful settlement reached in Paris in 1897.

Song Under The Earth

From I. E. A. HEALY, "Daily Mirror" Correspondent with the French Army.

THE Maginot guns were roaring, and the ground shuddering with the blast when I left the sunshine and entered the fortress to descend into the earth. There I heard noise of a different character.

It was the sound of applause from off-duty troops who were listening to their first Maginot Line concert given by one of the touring Army theatres instituted by the French.

The hall was one of the hundreds-of-yards-long galleries of the fortress, along which run normally the electric train services.

"The Hum Flit"

The troops enjoyed a flattering song by a French comic about Britain's Home Fleet. His humour was better than his English, because the nearest he could get in pronunciation was "The Hum Flit." I was interested to observe that the songs which gained the greatest tributes of silence and applause in turn from these fortress troops were not the naughty songs of Paris. They were "A Little Love, a Little Kiss," and "Little Man You've Had a Busy Day."

What an Artillery Bombardment is Like

There have been many artillery bombardments on the Western Front. Here is a vivid description of them.

A HEAVY artillery bombardment, especially by night, is impressive and awe-inspiring, and a feeling of intense invigoration is manifest in the observer who happens to be in a position half-way between the guns and the bursting projectiles!

First of all we hear the ear-splitting crack of the 18-pounders; then the nerve-racking crash of the 60-pounders, accompanied by the swish of the shells in their journey through the night air. Then we detect the dull boom of the heavy howitzers from farther back, and the peculiar swish-wish-wish-wish-wish-wish of their projectiles in flight.

Green and Red Rockets
STILL farther back, we can pick out the sharp explosion of the larger guns—probably 6-inch or 8.2—speeding their shells with a curiously metallic rush through the atmosphere. The combined din forms a mighty crescendo. The shells are like summer lightning.

—and a continuous rumbling sound. Above all this welter, prodding the sky, shoot up the enemy "SOS" signals calling for help from his batteries. Up and up go the rockets—green and red star-light clusters. Hither and thither float his parachute orange-coloured flares; doubtless he suspects gas because of the change of wind. He sends up vivid white flares to enable him to see what our own infantry are up to.

How Orders Come

A DEEP red and orange glare is observed, which betokens that one of the enemy ammunition dumps has been hit. Enemy planes are dropping bombs on our infantry concentration points; our anti-aircraft batteries ("archies") have spotted them and are sending up luminous tracer bullets to guide our "archie" gunners. If we now turn to what is going on in one of our own battery positions we shall find that the Battery Commander of the 60-pounders is in his Command Post dugout some one hundred yards behind his guns. He is at a moment poring over his map, marked with arcs of fire and gun ranges. The officer on duty, and telephoneists, are behind him. A message has just come from Brigade Headquarters giving a target.

The order from Brigade may be

as laconic as the following: "Harassing fire on tracks and roads. Map reference P.34 D.4.2." To the layman this message may be unintelligible, but to the Battery Commander and his staff it conveys a lot. His orders to the battery are of necessity technical: "Right section one degree fifteen minutes more right—elevation twenty-one degrees five minutes—correction 146." The officer at the guns repeats all this.

A short pause, then the method of loading is given—so many rounds of lyddite and shrapnel, lyddite to force the enemy from his dugouts into the open and shrapnel to finish him off when he gets there. The order to fire is then given. Hardly have ten rounds been fired when "SOS" rockets ascend from our own trenches—clusters of green stars.

"Hit, Sir!"

THE right section of the battery ceases fire and all sections of the battery immediately switch over to the pre-arranged target—which happens to be an enemy gun making things uncomfortable for our own front line. The preliminaries are hurried through and our guns are firing as fast as the guncrews can load and train them. Shells start coming into our own battery position.

Presently—"B.C." to telephoneist—"See what has happened to No. 1

gun." A slight pause, then: "No. 1 gun has been hit, sir." "Hullo, hullo, what's that?" "Mr. Jones has been hit, sir." The other guns continue firing. Some of the men having been badly hit, the stretcher-bearers bring the wounded in to the first-aid dugout which is near at hand.

Jones the subaltern has been peppered in the stomach and is in a bad way. He is delirious and raving for water, but it must not be given to him. There have been three deaths already. The Command Post has been hit and the Battery Commander and personnel have been knocked out.

Salient Straightened

THE Senior Subaltern takes command pending the arrival of the Captain from the wagon lines miles to the rear. The centre section of the battery has been knocked out of action. Two guns out of a battery of six are all that remain, and one of them is manned by four subaltern officers. The firing at last dies down and the wounded are being slowly evacuated.

Our infantry have succeeded in their objective and have withstood the enemy's immediate counter-attack, but he is likely to attack again at dawn. The salient in our line has been straightened.

By CAPT. G. M. NELSON.

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PARLOPHONE

RETURN OF OLD FAVOURITES

- R2322 Forget me not George Boulanger & orch. Valse Triste.
- R2666 Rhapsody in blue Orchestre Georges Tzipine.
- R2653 One day when we were young Millicent Phillips. Sweetheart. Waltz.
- R2715 Hell Hitler Ja, Ja, Ja Ronald Frankau. The French girls have got something.
- R2364 Let us dream George Boulanger & orch. For you only.
- R2656 Acceleration (Strauss) Orchestre Mascotte. Budapest Waltz.
- R1992 Aloha beloved Kanul & Lula. Mauna Loa Hawaiian novelty.
- R1995 Bolero (Ravel) Grand symphony orch.
- R1268 She doesn't only get you with her beauty Ronald Frankau. You've got to pay for everything you get.
- R 970 Blue Danube Magyari Imre & Gipsy orch. Last drops.
- R2063 I'm terribly terribly British Ronald Frankau. Chinese nights.
- R2288 O sole mio Magyari Imre & Gipsy orch. La Paloma.

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BANANA MENUS

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BANANA PUDDING

Take 4 ozs. stale bread and break it into small pieces. Pour over it $\frac{1}{2}$ pint of boiling milk and leave to soak for half an hour till bread is soft, then beat well. Make $\frac{1}{2}$ pint thick boiled custard (from custard powder) and stir it into the bread.

Slice three bananas and place them in a greased pudding. Add the grated rind of a lemon to the bread mixture. Sweeten to taste. Pour mixture over bananas and bake in a moderate oven till nicely browned—about 30-40 minutes.

BANANA ROLLS

Skin the number of bananas required. Dip each separately into a little sugar and cinnamon (mixed). Then wrap each banana in a piece of thin rolled out pastry. Place on a baking sheet, folded end of paste downwards. Brush over with a little milk, and bake in a fairly quick oven 20 minutes. Serve hot or cold.

JELLIED BANANA MOULD

Prepare the required quantity of orange or lemon jelly, pour into a tall mould—previously rinsed in cold water—and set aside to cool. Cut bananas in half, then again lengthwise. When the jelly is beginning to set, push the fingers of banana in so that they remain upright. Turn out when firm, and place a spoonful of whipped cream or thinned milk on the centre top.

"I'm master in this house, miss"



Does this phrase sound familiar to you? Perhaps you, too, had a dictator father? The writer of this article had... So she's grown up with her own ideas on bringing up children

YOU can't tell me a thing about life under a dictatorship. I lived just that kind of life for seventeen years. Then I got out.

My father was, and is, a dictator. In his business and in his conversation he is all for democracy. Mention Nazi-ism to him and he flares up and goes out to buy another savings certificate. There must be no Hitler or Stalins in his world scheme. But...

back and remember the fury that surrounded breakfast, the grimly silent dinners.

I remember the terror of porridge. Porridge made me feel sick. If I could not scrape my outside plate clean at breakfast I got the remains, cold and glutinous, for lunch, with a non-stop lecture thrown in. In desperate, heaving misery I learned, at last, to eat it and escape. Porridge still makes me sick.

Look what happens to my sister. She is twenty-eight and lives at home. She is accomplished, good-looking, dependent on father. Ten years ago she was a gay, vivid girl, wanting to study music and make it her profession.

Father, to knock the nonsense out of her head, put her into a friend's office. He asked his friend not to teach her too much, to keep her salary low "for the time being." At the end of two years she was brought home as a housekeeper because mother, encouraged by father, could no longer do without her.

She didn't get out, and now, at twenty-eight, she is a dim young woman who accounts for her time and her money to a man who talks a lot about the charm of home and the good fortune of a protected life.

DICTATOR parents are still pretty common. I know many of them. In every case the children are goose-stepped through life to a set of not very good rules laid down by one or other of their parents.

The obvious rebound from a dictator parent is to raise a family on the sentimental, woolly, do-what-you-like-best principle. That doesn't work either. Democracy, suited down to family size, is the middle way.

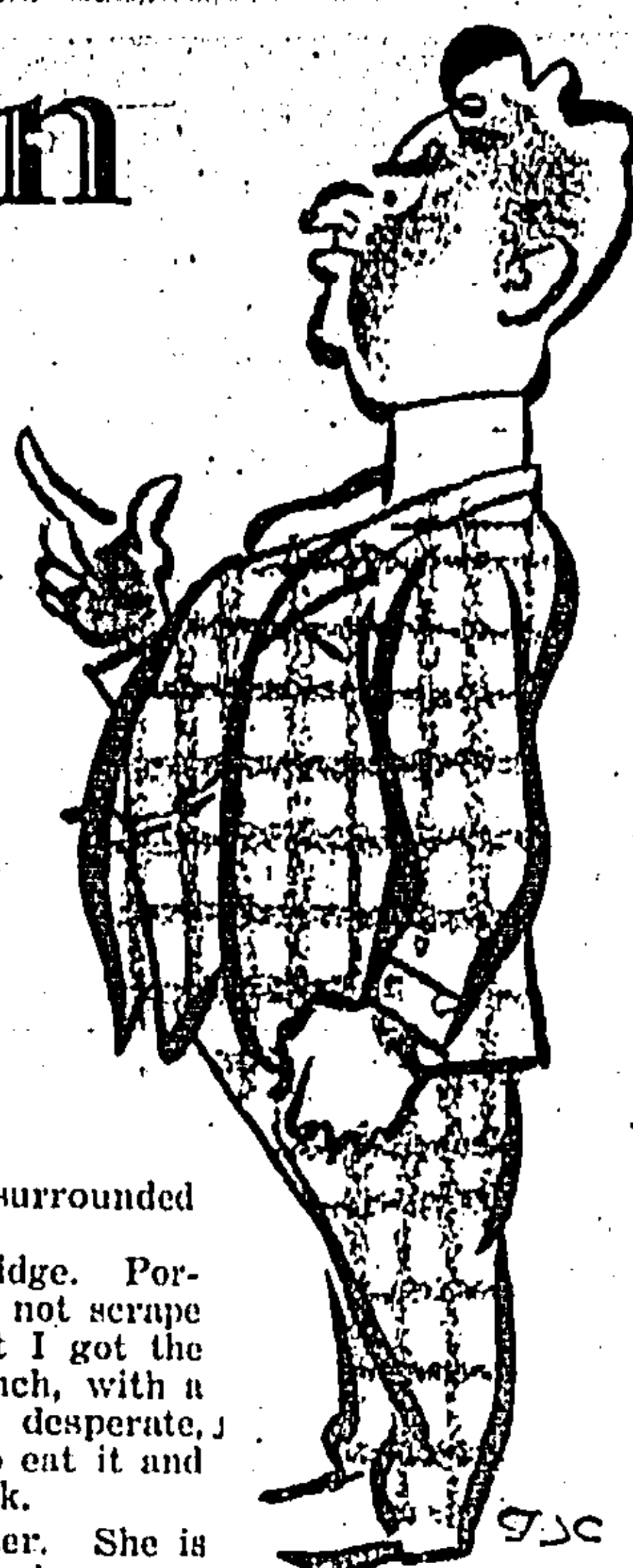
EVERY human being—and that includes children and father—likes to have some authority. In my own family both parents and each child have a sphere of interest. I decide what amount of money Bridget pays for clothes, but she decides how the money shall be spent. Her authority over her own room, and the greenhouse is absolute.

That suits everybody except John, and satisfies her desire for lordship. John, the only other gardener in the family, can do anything he likes with a good-sized plot and the garden shed and all it holds.

We live in a period of shocking ill will. In our family we reckon good nature above politeness, high standards of performance, even unselfishness. That means that all of us must put up with things we dislike and of which we disapprove.

It doesn't mean, however, that we cannot make good-tempered suggestions concerning them. It would be easy to stop my son making what look like pretty dangerous chemical experiments by giving a direct order—dictator methods are always easy—but who is going to stop him blowing up a whole laboratory a couple of years from now?

We find it better, not easier, you



understand, to ask in a chemist friend for supper and get him to hang about the bench giving expert tips.

FAMILY democracy does not stop rules, but it does make them flexible. If one member is perpetually late for a meal, and the delay falls directly on the people who wash up afterwards, we find the other members soon apply their own methods to get a line-up when the gong goes.

When the war began my husband found we would have to cut down on a good many things. We held a family conference and agreed on certain financial arrangements. A week ago my daughter wanted to exceed her share for a very special reason.

I know just how she felt, would have agreed. Her brother and sister nipped the idea pretty quickly by saying they could think up a few special reasons in next to no time. Hard, if you like, but fair.

YOUTH has always taken risks. From now on it is going to take a lot more. The best weapons you can give your children are courage, a chance to make judgments early and often, an environment that encourages and establishes good nature. Democracy—the kind that means anything—begins at home.

Katherine Butler

BEAUTY IN MOUTHS

IT seems absurd to talk about a fashion in mouths when we can do so little to alter their shape, except by way of lipstick, which, of course, does not appeal to everyone.

But fashion does play some part in what is most admired, and therefore most desired, at one period or another. Take, for instance, the Hapsburg mouth, with its exaggerated pout. That type of mouth is no longer popular.

Is it not odd how the very short upper lip which used to be considered an infallible sign of beauty, has gone out of fashion? To-day we look more for breadth and humour in the mouths of those we deem pretty or charming.

One must not forget the part the chin plays in combination with the mouth.

A small chin may pass muster if it is well formed, but a moderately-sized one with firm lines which join the lips and neck, make a perfect whole of the lower part of the face, and this appeals to one's sense of beauty.

There is the much vexed question—that of the use of lipstick. In France, every woman paints her lips and one feels somehow as if women with unpainted lips have featureless faces, because one sees so much lipstick used, and what is put on is generally not well done. The Frenchwoman makes her mouth the striking feature of her face. But, of course, to do this there must be no exaggeration, just the highlighting of the best points in one's own mouth, not striving to change the shape by painting in an entirely different one.

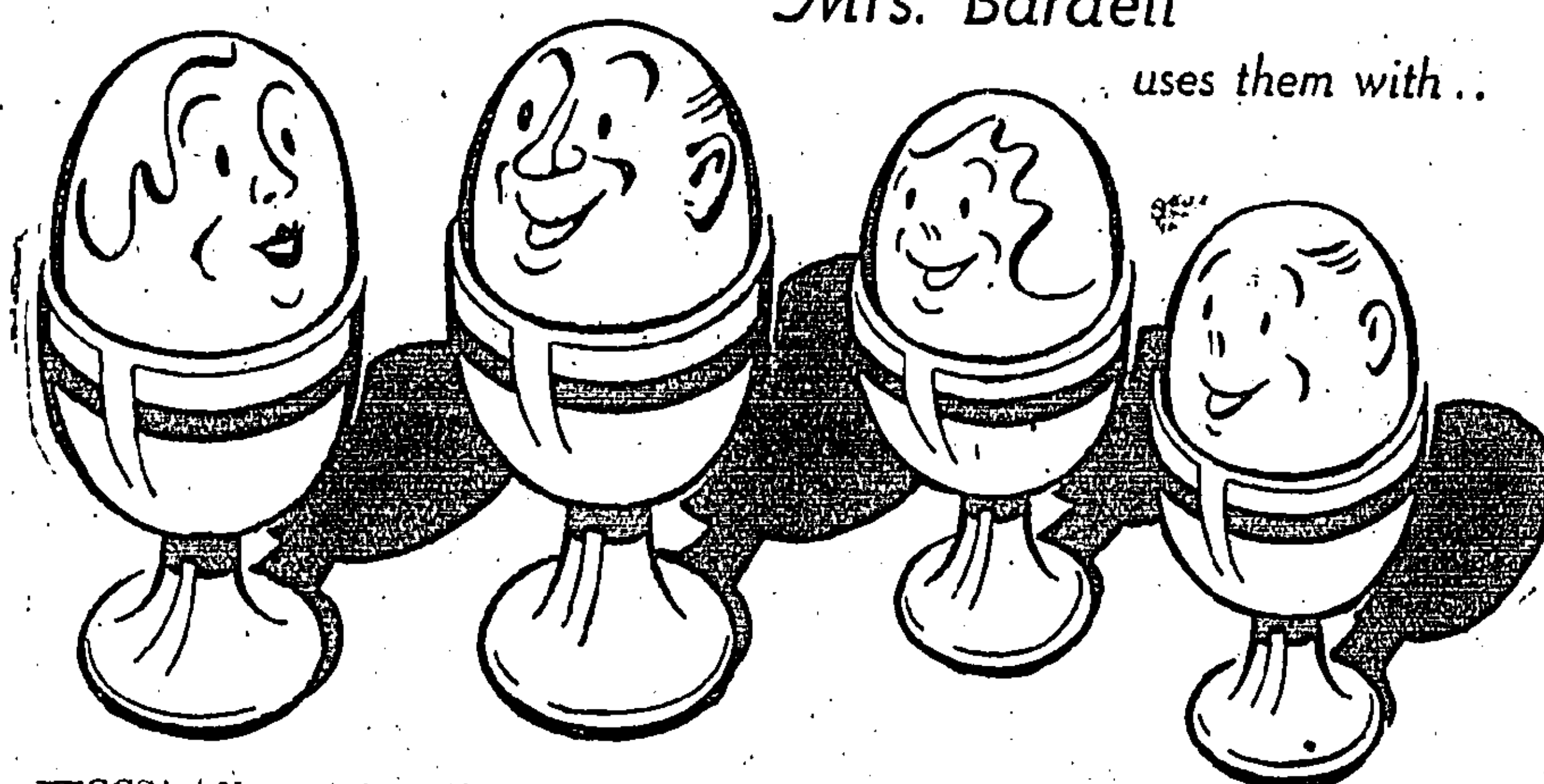
Then the part which the voice plays must not be forgotten. If the voice does not "match" the beauty of the mouth is often entirely lost when the owner speaks, and vice versa. Have you not known quite plain people with quite ordinary-looking mouths, who, as soon as they spoke, became transformed because of the golden quality of their voices?

A. R. H.

HARD-BOILED

Mrs. Bardell

uses them with..



EGGS! How glad mother is to see that fresh eggs are becoming more plentiful in Hongkong.

Good news, because hens' eggs contain plenty of the sunshine vitamin as well as calcium and iron. It is, too, an old saying that one fresh egg is equal to a quarter of a pound of meat.

We've all heard it said of a bad cook: "Why, she can't even boil an egg!" But even the very best cook sometimes let themselves down in egg-boiling.

The average egg needs three minutes in fast-boiling water; if laid the same day as they're to be eaten, allow an extra half minute to set the white perfectly.

Another good way to soft-boil eggs is to boil the water, pop in the eggs, then, when the water is bubbling again, remove from heat and leave the eggs in for seven minutes.

To-day, with the salad and matched season round the corner, I am giving various ways of using hard-boiled eggs.

First, to cook them—without that ugly green rim between yolk and white. Put them into boiling water (don't let it stop bubbling) for seven minutes, then put them straight under the cold water tap and leave it running until they are cold, then shell them carefully.

Three hard-boiled eggs and a small tin of sardines will make a tasty supper for six people.

Cut the eggs in halves and take out the yolks carefully. Mix these with the mashed sardines, season with pepper and salt and fill the mixture into the egg cases, piling it well up like an ice-cream cone.

Slice off the rounded ends of the eggs so that they will stand up, and place each on a crisp lettuce leaf. If you want to make this snack look more interesting, surround each egg with a round of sliced beetroot.

For salad meals, it is nicer to serve the eggs separately; then they won't crumble up and spoil the look of your carefully prepared bowl. Besides, which the last person to receive the salad won't go short of eggs.

Slice them carefully on to a pretty dish, sprinkle with salad dressing or mayonnaise, and garnish with finely chopped parsley.

For a satisfying, savoury meal, you can't beat Scotch eggs, and they're easy to prepare.

Sardines, Salmon, & Sausages

Hard boil the eggs, then cut them in halves lengthwise. Roll out some sausage meat and divide it into pieces large enough to wrap the egg in. Mould the meat round, smoothing the join down evenly, then roll the dressed up eggs in beaten egg, then in breadcrumbs, and fry golden brown in hot deep fat.

A sprinkle of grated onion and a dash of nutmeg makes the sausage meat extra tasty.

If the family like, curry, give them curried eggs for a change.

Ingredients: 3 hard-boiled eggs, $\frac{1}{4}$ apple, 1 oz. margarine, $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. flour, $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoonful curry powder, 1 small onion, 1 teaspoonful lemon juice, 1 small teaspoonful stock or water, salt.

Slightly brown the chopped onion in the margarine, stir in the flour, diced apple, curry powder and salt (about a saltspoonful). When blended, add the stock, and stir until boiling, then simmer for ten minutes.

Quarter the eggs and add to the

stock to become hot, then stir in lemon juice. Serve in a hot dish with a border of plain-boiled rice.

Indian Kedgeree wouldn't taste right if the hard-boiled egg were forgotten. Fish kedgeree is a favourite, so here is an easy recipe to try out on meatless days.

Use $\frac{1}{2}$ cupfuls cooked, white fish, or, if liked, a small tin of salmon, and flake it into small pieces.

Boil a cupful of rice until swollen but firm, then turn it into a colander and hold under the cold water tap to separate the grains. Put on a flat dish near the fire to dry. This is important as sticky, clogged rice will spoil the kedgeree.

Hard boil two eggs, slice the whites and chop up the yolks. Melt 2 oz. margarine in a saucepan, add the fish, egg whites, rice, salt and pepper to season and $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon chopped parsley.

Stir until hot and well blended, then pile on a hot dish and sprinkle over with egg yolk.

Accent On Organdie

TO give a present to her home is the urge of every woman.

Many useful and dainty things may be made from organdie, a fabric which has much to commend it, being easily laundered, of moderate price, and practically endless wear.

Much of the charm of this material lies in its transparency, and if one colour is laid upon another marvellous shot effects may be obtained, and unusual colour schemes introduced.

Cushion covers of this fabric, embroidered in simple designs in gay or pastel wools, placed over contrasting slips are charming.

Table mats of two shades simply embroidered look crisp and summery. Bias binding makes a good edging for round mats, or they may be hem-stitched by machine, the material cut away just beyond the sewing, and a narrow crochet edge worked into the resulting holes.

Some of the patterned organdies also make attractive mats, the large overchecks especially fitting in with modern schemes.

Square or oblong of black or dark blue with a white over-check, having a scarlet or flame-coloured daisy completely filling one of the corner squares, are particularly gay and interesting.

The charm of an organdie tea-cloth and cosy is enhanced if a contrasting cover is placed under-

neath, for if used unlined the dark wood of the tea-table detracts from the colour.

THE ubiquitous artificial silk bedspread is useful and pretty, but has ceased to be very interesting. Cover it with organdie in another colour, and you will have a thing of rare beauty and charm. If it is finished with a deep frill, additional daintiness and delightful variations of shade will be the result.

Leaf-green over pale blue is exquisite. Should you have a kidney-shaped or a semi-circular dressing-table, give it a petticoat of the same, hang curtains of double organdie at your window, and on the hottest day your room will have the coolness and the shimmer of the sea.

If, on the other hand, you like the suggestion of perpetual sunshine, place maize over salmon-pink and you will live in a sunset glow.

Lilac over rose or green over mauve are delightful and of course part of the charm lies in the fact that with a different coloured slip you may alter the whole aspect of the affair. And as a bedspread, the large over-check again appeals to the modern eye.

Charming nightdress and handkerchief sachets, worked with Italian quilting in vivid wools, may also be made of organdie.

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8.03 Richard Tauber (Tenor) and Leslie Jeffries and His Orchestra.

8.30 Variety Programme.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Under Nazi Rule."

9.45 Massed Military Bands.

10.0 An hour of Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

NAZI BATTLE REPORT

Berlin, May 12.
To-day's High Command communique states that 35 planes are missing, while it is claimed that 300 planes were lost yesterday by the enemy. It adds that the attack in the west front and in north Holland the German troops have reached the east coast of the Zuider Zee.

Among other claims made in the communique is that an enemy destroyer was damaged by bombs in the North Sea, while one destroyer was sunk and another damaged at Narvik.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued Saturday says:

The market was content to remain quiet on the eve of the holiday week-end.

	Buyers	Sellers
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H.K. Steamships	111	113
Docks Cum R.R.	111	113
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Crossword Puzzle

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ACROSS
1—Noise
2—Sleep shifter
3—One who disposes
4—Representative
5—Great natural
(Anglo-Indian)
6—Fictional mythological
7—Pile
8—Revolution
9—Excused
10—Woman for one
11—Masks (see 10)
12—Himalayas
13—Sound of silk
14—Hermits
15—One who drops
16—Survivor
17—Able in manner
18—Foolish one (slang)
19—West Indian chiefs
20—Innocent language
21—Lamb
22—Foul odor
23—Dead body
24—Aging greatly
25—Dead body
26—Color of fruit
27—Kind of tree
28—Curd
29—Fratricide
30—Two-dimensional space
31—Five stars
32—Satellite of planet

DOWN
1—Ages
2—Medieval fortress
3—Point of view
4—Look after
5—Fruitful measure
6—Drops
7—Terror poem
8—Fertilized fruit
9—Juice
10—Medicinal plant
11—Boredom
12—Fundamental parts of words
13—Fruitful to ship
14—Slang of towns
15—The vascular
16—Fruit
17—Pursue
18—Unable to see
19—Fruitful of vegetation
20—Fruitful
21—Epitaph
22—Fruitful
23—Believers in doctrine
24—Fruitful
25—To one side
26—Not so good
27—Large plant
28—Large plant
29—Large plant
30—Large plant
31—Large plant
32—Large plant

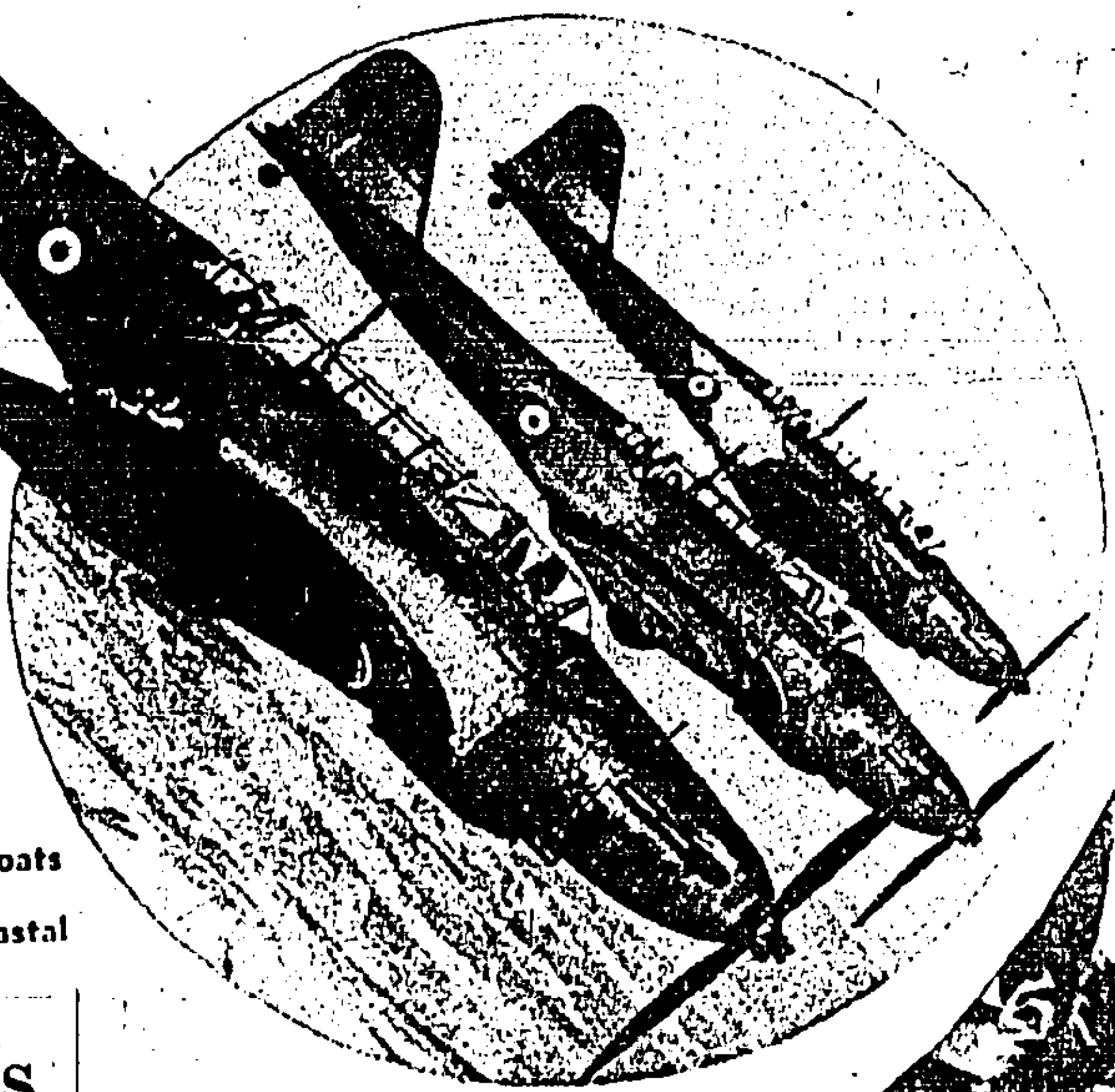
BRITAIN'S COASTAL COMMAND KEEPS GUARD ALONG THE SHORES OF ENGLAND

BLENHEIMS.
the British bombers with the agility of single-engined fighters.

BELOW, a series of photographs showing how a constant watch is being kept by the R.A.F. on Britain's coast.

KEY

1. A group of pilots consult the map in regard to their route.
2. Some of the pilots refreshing their memories on bombs and machine guns.
3. Three of the flying boats taking off.
4. Two planes of a coastal patrol in flight.



Submarine Is Feared Lost

H.M.S. Seal Now Long Overdue

LONDON, May 12 (Reuters).—The British submarine Seal, which is overdue and is presumed lost, was commanded by Lieut. Comdr. R. P. Lonsdale, who was mentioned in despatches a few days ago. His wife died in September, 1937, leaving an infant son.

Hongkong Saw Her

"The Seal was one of the submarines which appeared in the latest Paramount British news-reel shown at the King's Theatre last week in conjunction with the film "U-Boat 26".

The Seal was shown being hailed upon her return to a British port after successfully attacking several German transports in the Skagerak during the invasion of Norway. The film included a close-up of Lieut-Comdr. R. P. Lonsdale, commander of the Seal which shows him weary-eyed and unshaven after a long and hazardous adventure in perilous Norwegian waters.

Crew Members Captured

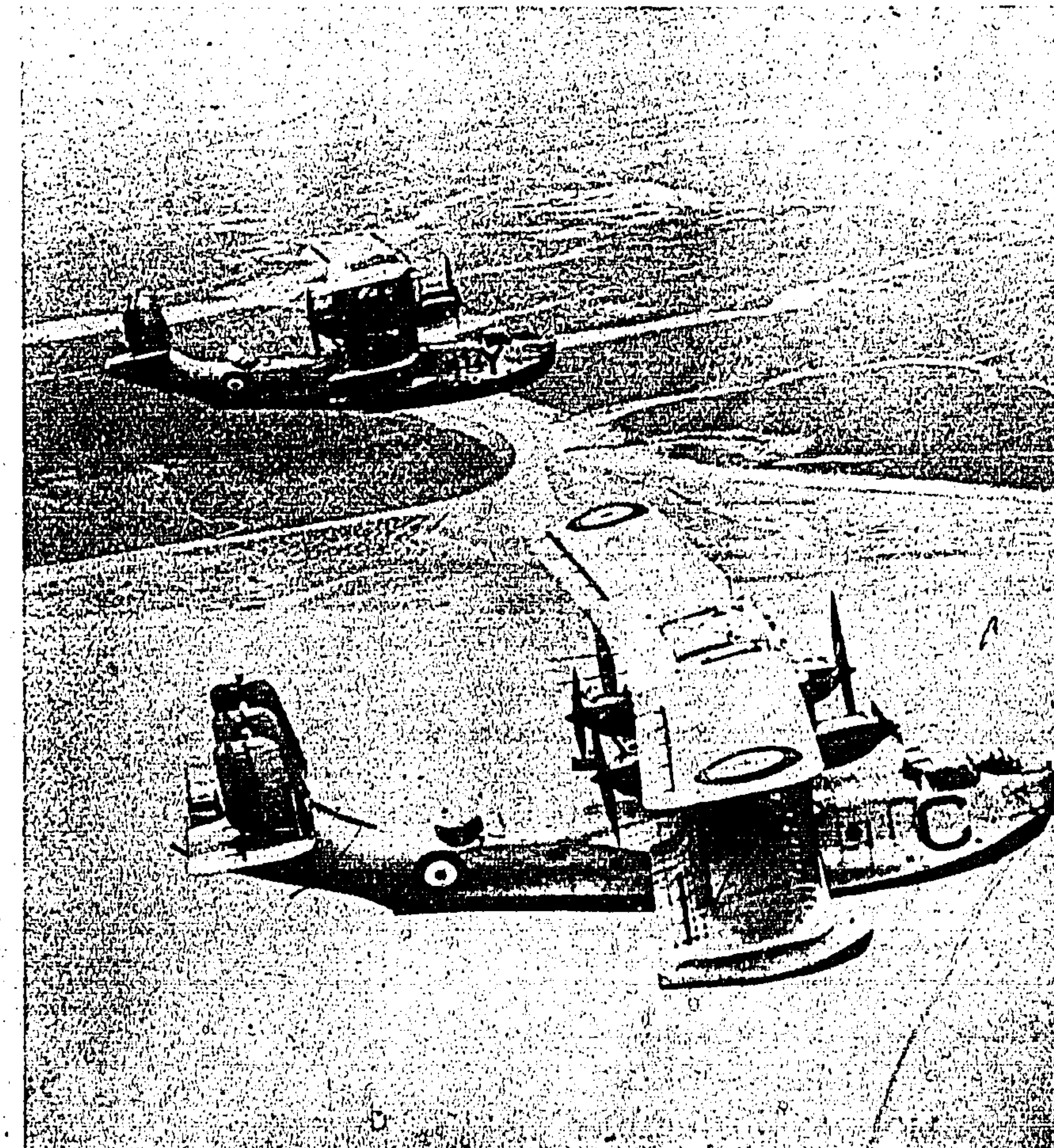
LONDON, May 12 (Reuters).—Foreign reports indicate that some members of the crew of the submarine Seal are prisoners of war. The vessel is of 1,500 tons. It carried a normal complement of 55 men.

It was the seventh British submarine lost through enemy action since the war began. One was lost as the result of an accident.

Britain has now 49 of the original 57 submarines with which she started the war.

Not one of France's 78 submarines has been lost.

Both countries have many more being built.



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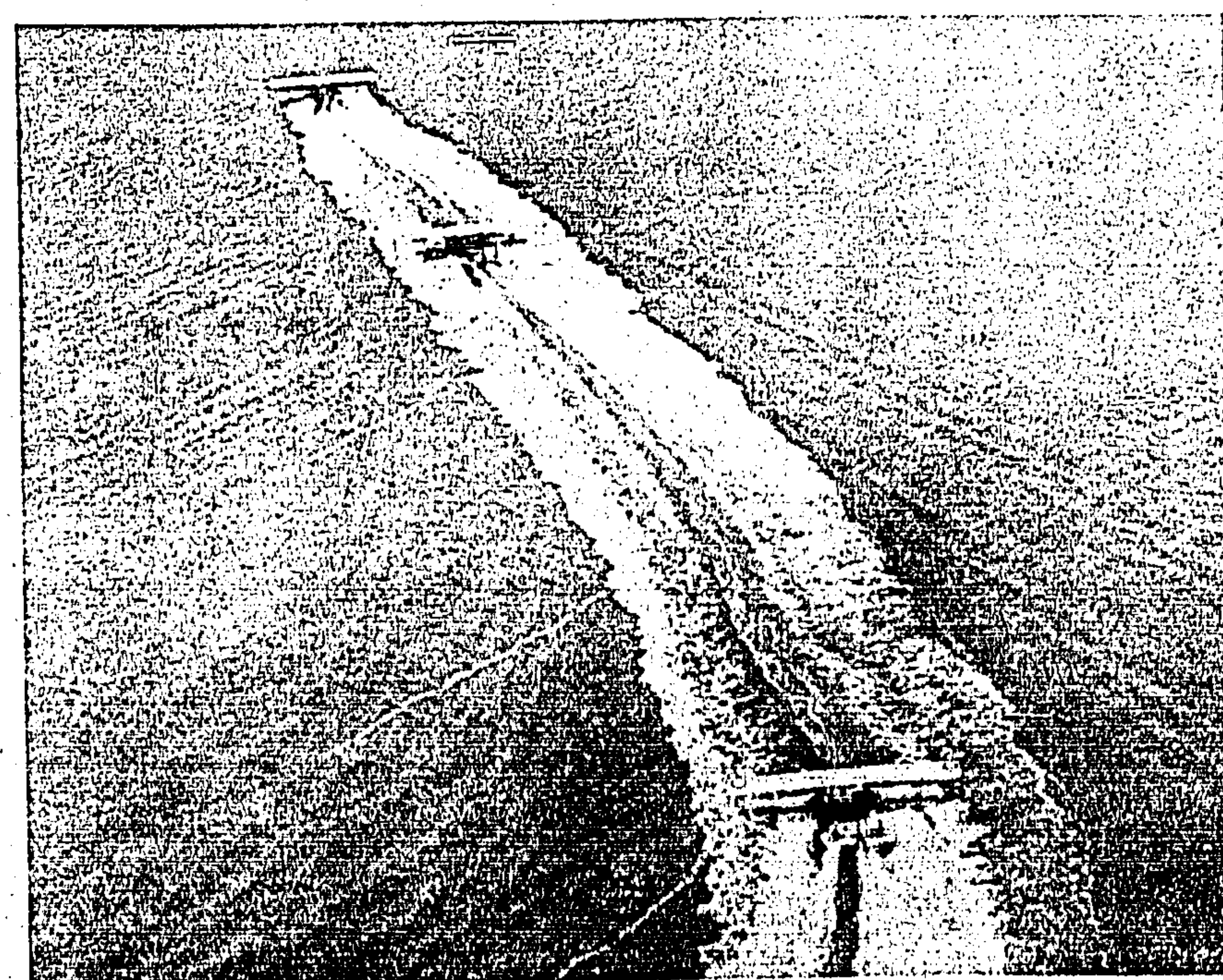
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JAMES CAGNEY **PAT O'BRIEN**

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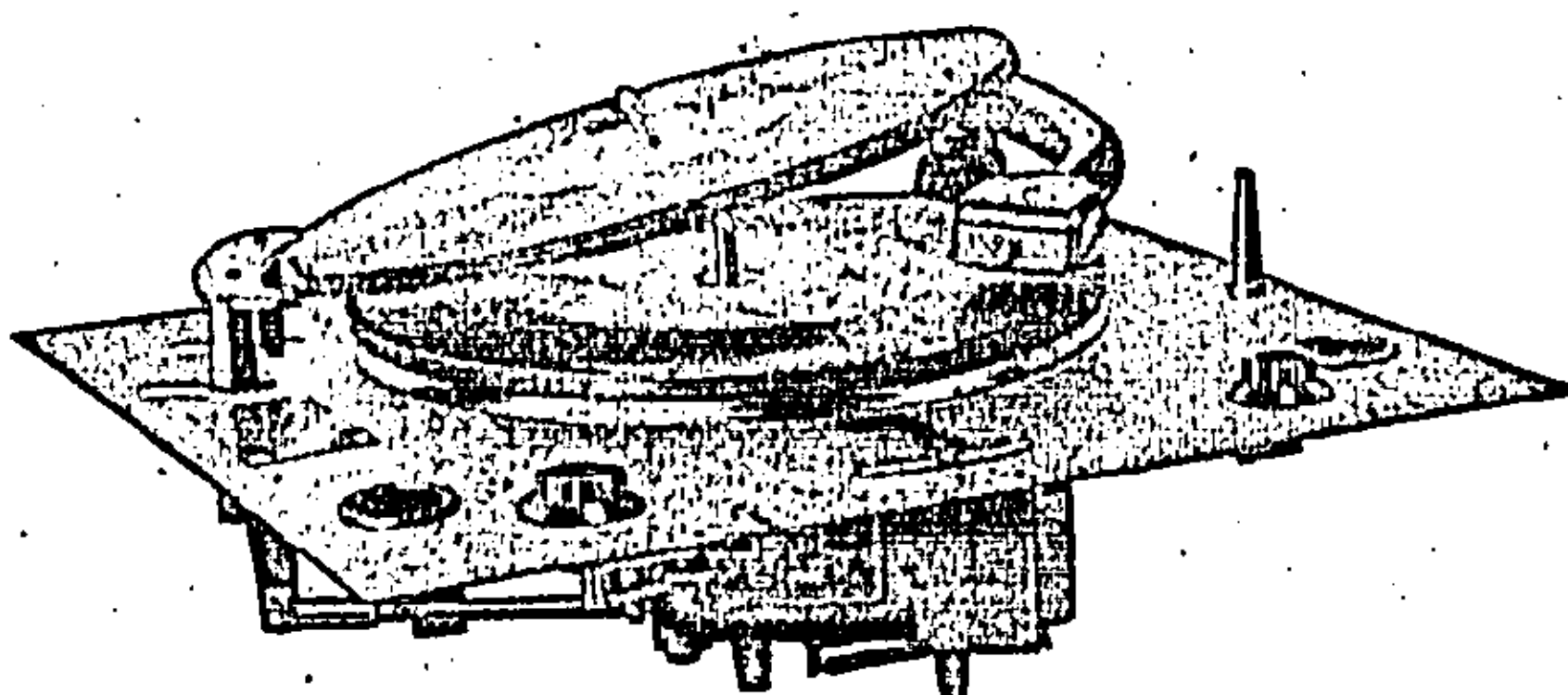
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Hitler's Strategy

Hitler is the first political op-
portunistic to betray all his plans
before he has put them into execu-
tion. When he was weak and help-
less he told the world what he
wanted in "Mein Kampf" and after
he seized power he exactly followed
the methods he would use. Hitler,
it seems, was too open to be be-
lieved. All the world was warned
what would happen, and yet most
of the world is still asleep when it
does. We have been astonished by
the events in Norway and Denmark
and by the invasion of Luxembourg,
Belgium and the Netherlands.

The fate that has already over-
come these five neutral states is, if
"Mein Kampf" is now to be re-
cognised as the German "Bible" (as
the Germans themselves have in-
sisted it is for the past five years),
in store for all the small neutral
countries on Germany's borders.
The German minorities in Yugo-
slavia, Rumania, Hungary, Switzer-
land, Bulgaria and Sweden which
(if Russia and Italy are excepted)
are the only neutral States left with
common borders with Germany, are
already actively at work preparing
the way for this modern Genghis
Khan.

Modern war is swift; countries
waging it must work with the
exactness of machines. "Travel-
lers" can wreck railway bridges and
throw mobilisation off its balance
much quicker than have the para-
chute troops in Belgium and
Holland; a few words over a cap-
tured wireless station, as in Oslo,
can let dismay into the hearts of a
people. We know the power of
light armaments on the defensive,
and can imagine how strong points
far inside Belgium and Holland are
now being held by German para-
chutists and "tourists" until their
Army arrives.

By all the books of strategy, Hit-
ler's adventure in the Lowlands is
sheer madness. It is this "sheer
madness" that permits the Germans
to obtain the initial advantage.
Fortunately, the Lowlands have
never under-estimated the brilliant
cunning of the Germans, or sneered
at the unorthodoxy of their techni-
que. They were prepared and have,
as a result, provoked Hitler with his
first hitch.

The invasion of the Lowlands has
shown that no government has any
excuse for being caught unprepared
and it will be certain that every
neutral country which values its in-
dependence will watch with extra
precaution every move in the vicinity
of their frontiers.

Either Rumania or Switzerland
seem fated to be next on Hitler's
programme. Hungary and Bulgaria
are apparently safe; temporarily
Sweden seems secure because her
geographical position makes her, for
the time being, more of an asset as
a neutral than a belligerent to the
Germans. But if the Allies succeed
in advancing in Norway or threaten
the German conquerors in Denmark
by throwing them back from Holland,
Sweden would do well to take care.

WE MANAGED TO SURVIVE A BIG CRISIS IN 1803 . . .

CROSS the Channel to Bou-
logne. You can see on the
left a column 176 feet high, built
by Napoleon to mark his expedi-
tion to conquer England and
make it a republic.

You can see the huge basin he
made to accommodate the flotilla of
2,413 craft which were to carry
181,000 men, guns and horses across
the sea.

What did the English think of
these preparations? Did they have
the jitters? They did.

Thousands volunteered, drilled, and
manned defences. But Napoleon's
expedition never sailed. England
still has a King, not a President.

England developed cristeria in
the summer of 1803. The patient
continued poorly all through the
winter, and had a bad relapse in the
spring. Invasion was expected daily.
In April temperature slid back to
normal. Suddenly, in the autumn,
cristeria struck again.

The papers printed lists of Alarm
Posts for volunteers. In some places
officers were not allowed to go more
than two miles from their quarters
even when off duty.

THE Prime Minister intro-
duced a Bill into Parlia-
ment called "A Plan for the Defence
of the Country." The papers pressed
for a volunteer corps of irregular in-
fantry. The Government, after about
a year's dithering, got on with con-
structing the Martello towers all
along the coast.

You can see them to-day. Round,
thirty-foot-high pillboxes from which
soldiers were to rake the disembark-
ing French with a cross-fire. A look-
out service was started to watch for
the French fleet. (They're still
watching).

The Duke of Buccleuch wrote to
the papers suggesting Food Reserves.
Some one signing himself "Sussex
Yeoman" advised all the people who
were too busy, or incredulous, to
volunteer to equip themselves with
spot and powder and practise at dis-
tances of 100, 150 and 200 yards.
They should arrange for some one
to drive off their cattle and horses
if the enemy landed. As soon as
they saw the foe they ought to set
a haystack on fire to warn the nearest
regiment. Then, he suggested, they
should stand in a doorway and take
pot-shots at the advancing French.

HAVE you ever told your
child Hitler will come for
him if he is naughty? Parents did
hundred years ago. "If you don't
go to sleep this instant," mothers
used to say, "Boney will come and
get you."

Alarming stories filtered back to
England. In Hanover the French

were requisitioning 30,000 shirts,
15,000 pairs of shoes, 8,000 waist-
coats. Then came the sinister report
that the hospitals of France had been
told to make as much lint as possible.

No invasion followed this steady
flow of rumours. People explained
them by saying that Napoleon put
them in the Continental Press on
purpose—on the "Wolf, wolf" prin-
ciple. The idea was that we should
finally ignore them, and so we should
not be ready for an attack when it
did come.

In March 1804 the public discovered
that we had 267,243 men on regular
active services, upwards of 400,000
volunteers. If Napoleon's fleet sail-
ed, it would have to break its way
through 98,000 seamen in 1,596 ves-
sels.

Parliament decided to increase the
Regular Army by 40,000—feeding it
from the militia. The Military Ser-
vice Bill allowed every one from
seventeen to fifty-five to volunteer.
The Warden of the Cinque Ports
raised 3,000 volunteers. Each of the
Ridings of Yorkshire raised a
cavalry regiment.

England's diplomats got warmed
up. Rather reluctantly, England
concluded a treaty with Russia.
Each pledged herself to support a
general European league. Napoleon
did not hesitate to conceal this from
his people by falsifying the news and
by forging letters. The technique
seems somehow familiar.

THE country with the few
million men must give
way to the country with the many
million men. "Mein Kampf"? No
just Napoleon. England's mili-
tary fame had been forgotten in
France. They thought riches had
made us decadent. "A nation of
shopkeepers," wisecracked Bona-
parte.

But month followed month with-
out an attack.

Then, while the Emperor's corona-
tion feast was being celebrated with
every magnificence (he had just be-
come King of Italy) Napoleon struck
again.

Crisis No. 2. England was ready.
Day followed day. But the ships
for which Napoleon was waiting at
Boulogne did not appear. The Bri-
tish Navy had dispersed them. He
abandoned his project.

Napoleon had struck a medal to
commemorate his conquest of Eng-
land. No member of a nation of
shopkeepers, Napoleon. Otherwise
he'd have known that proverb about
counting your chickens.

Gordon Taylor

These Gauleiters . . .

BY WILLI
FRISCHAUER

HITLER is in consultation with his
Gauleiters, whom he summoned
from all over Germany to a confer-
ence.

What is a Gauleiter? What kind
of man holds these jobs?

There are about sixty such Nazi
leaders. "Gau," the ancient German
expression for a province, and
"Leiter," freely translated as "leader,"
make up this title of a provincial
leader of the Nazi Party.

I know a boy who used to bring
me my papers in Vienna every morn-
ing. He spent his spare time smug-
gling Nazi propaganda material into
the flats he supplied with news-
papers.

When the Austrian Nazi Party was
secretly formed, this boy was ap-
pointed "Gauleiter" for the district
in which he lived. Later he was
transferred to another in Austria—
Klagenfurt—and became the Gau-
leiter of the province.

His name was Globocnik. You
may remember him as the man who
was appointed Gauleiter of Vienna
when Hitler marched into Austria.
He was sacked a few months later
because he got drunk every day and
did not properly fulfil his task of
looking after the political education
of the Austrian people and the ad-
ministration of the Nazi Party's
affairs in his district.

There are, of course, other Gau-
leiters who do their job properly.
Most of them have since been ap-
pointed to the highest civil posts in
their localities.

Nowadays the Gauleiter of a big
town in Germany is often its Lord

Mayor. If his district is bigger than
a town the Gauleiter can often also
boast of the title of "Reichs-Statt-
halter"—Reich-Governor.

In short, the Gauleiter is the head
of the party organisation in a certain
district of Germany. With the ever-
increasing influence of the party on
public life he was given all sorts of
civil jobs.

Goebbels, for instance, is the Gau-
leiter of Berlin. But he, like every
other Gauleiter, has a deputy-Gau-
leiter and a third-in-command, a
Gau-Obmann.

Another prominent Gauleiter is
Herr Wagner. He rules the Nazi
party in Bavaria. Apart from that
he speaks for Hitler over the micro-
phone very frequently because no-
body can distinguish Wagner's voice
from Hitler's.

Streicher, chiefly known as Nazi
Jew-Baiter Number One is—or was,
before his arrest—a Gauleiter too.
Gauleiter of Franconia. Buerkel,
Hitler's friend, is Gauleiter of Aus-
tria.

There are scores of others who
have no international importance.
Their names are hardly known out-
side their own places. But all of
them are the dreaded henchmen of
the Nazi tyranny.

And that would mean "good-bye" to
the glory of the Gauleiter.



Maginot Line,
Siegfried Line, and now

**"WATER
LINE"**

Hitler has invaded Holland in a
desperate effort to regain the initia-
tive in his war?

Opposing the invading Nazi hordes
are over a million men armed with
the most modern weapons.

You have read how roads along
parts of the east and south frontiers
are bordered with high trees, mined
ready to block the roads to an in-
vading army, and how machine-guns
are in position to mow down the men
who would have to spend days clear-
ing the way.

Then comes into play the Dutch
Water Line—not so strong as the
Maginot or Siegfried lines, perhaps,
but still . . .

It is ironic to find that in time of
need the Dutchman's great enemy
water—against whom he has

struggled for centuries, should sud-
denly become his shield, and should
defend for him the country from
which it had been chased to make a
fertile soil.

How is this great sacrifice, this
vast flooding of fertile land, being
carried out?

The dykes have been pierced, the
sluices of the canals opened, and the
whole country is now flooded in such
a way that only the land above sea
level remains untouched.

And from these high areas artillery
and machine-guns cover the flooded
fields.

No tank or armoured car can
cross this immense lake. The soil
will soon be covered by at least three
feet of water.

And under this water are unsus-
pected traps, for the fields are in-
tersected for drainage purposes by
wide ditches and canals which could
not be detected once the land was
flooded.

Tanks, the general land forces, are
useless, whatever damage is done
from the air.

Troops cannot reach the essential
parts of Holland once the water has
spread over it.

Already one part of Holland, the
province of Utrecht, has been flooded.
An officer who accompanied me
said it will be exactly like that
everywhere between the coast and the
frontier, by to-day except on the
immense mounds where our troops
will have strategic positions.

On the way back he showed me
in the middle of the highest fields
concrete platforms for guns. (On
both sides of the dykes are the
shelters for the troops. The coast
defence is just as efficient. In the
dunes from south to north hundreds
of nests of machine-guns and nume-
rous emouflaged big guns watch over
the dykes' security.

And in the first line the Dutch
men-of-war are on the watch.

The enemy would spoil his guns
and shells by bombarding a hitler-
land of dead ruin and wastes of
water. But even were it possible for
him to land he would find that every
and every little farm shelters
machine-guns, and that even every
advertising pillar holds a deadly
charge along the accessible roads
where all kinds of obstacles used in a
modern war prevent any motorised
troops and units being of the slightest
use.

This is how Holland has organised
her defence. The Dutchman knows
how to fight for his liberty and his in-
dependence, and he is ready to de-
fend both to the uttermost.

Fascists Set On Briton

Anti-English Demonstrations
Englishman Chased In Rome Street

ROME, May 12 (Reuter).—Anti-British posters appearing on walls in Rome led to an incident yesterday when an Englishman who tore down a poster was set upon by Blackshirts.

This Englishman was with three friends, including an Englishwoman and an American. He was chased into a hotel.

Official Protest

When Sir Charles Noel, the British Minister, intervened, an anti-British poster was stuck on his car but it was removed after he had telephoned the Italian Foreign Office.

Activity of Fascist extremists was also evidenced by the burning of a number of copies of the Vatican organ, "Osservatore Romano," in the street last night.

Bundles of copies of this impartial newspaper were bought up by mysterious persons as soon as they reached the newspaper kiosks in order to prevent them from reaching the public.

Demonstrations Continue

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH". LONDON, May 12 (Domest).—The recrudescence of anti-British demonstrations in Italy had a sequel today, when the British Government lodged a protest with the Italian Government.

Demonstrations continued throughout Rome yesterday. Italian newspapers were virulent, and asserted that the Allies were violating International Law in extending Allied naval patrols in the Mediterranean.

Rome Protest

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—It is learned in authoritative circles in London that the British Ambassador in Rome has asked the Italian Government for an explanation of the incident in Rome on May 11 in which members of the British Embassy staff are reported to have been molested. It is further learned that he has been instructed by the British Government to draw the attention of the Italian Government to the unfortunate impression likely to be created by posters of an anti-British character.

Press Reactions

LOWLANDS INVASION PROTESTS

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The Berne "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" says: "Germany's repetition of a well-known comedy with its shameless reversal of roles will deceive no one. Instead the general feeling will be one of disgust at the unscrupulousness of this manoeuvre."

The "New York Post" says: "President Roosevelt expressed the sentiments of an overwhelming majority of American people when he condemned the brutal and unprovoked invasion of the Low Countries before the Pan-American Scientific Congress."

"He answered the question: Can Americans live if the Allies are defeated? He answered it with a straightforward 'No.'"

"Coming from a man who hates war as much as he hates Fascism, this was highly significant."

Shock The Sensibilities
The "Sun" columnist, Dave Boon, says: "The Nazis choose to start a blitzkrieg against Belgium and Holland in a religious season sacred to millions. They go out of their way to shock the sensibilities. Those whom the Gods would destroy, they first make dictators, and the sound from heaven as of the rushing of a mighty wind is not from Hitler's air fleets, but the rising indignation of the civilised world."

"You would think that Adolf would stop dragging out that old alibi about the Allies being about to do the invading first. Any moment now von Ribbentrop will have a White Paper with a bedtime story about the Belgians and Dutch being in deadly peril from everyone except the Germans."

Standard Formula
The "Gothenburg Nyttid" says: "It seems the Reich has adopted a standard formula for attacks on small nations. We believe that Germany cannot conquer Belgium this time and that Germany took a fatal step when against history's teaching, she tried to smash this proud people's right to live."

Economic Control Condemned

ROME, May 12 (Reuter).—The Allies' economic control is being severely criticised again here by the newspapers.

This has occurred following the publication of a report by the Italian Bureau of Economic Warfare. "Vice Italia" described the control as "an open and brutal violation of every principle of liberty on the sea."

NAZIS REPORTED ACROSS MEUSE RIVER AT TWO POINTS: BELGIANS RESIST

ALTHOUGH THE POSITION IN BELGIUM AND HOLLAND THIS MORNING IS OBSCURE, THE GERMAN INVADERS APPEAR TO HAVE CROSSED EITHER THE MEUSE RIVER (CALLED THE MAAS IN HOLLAND) AND POSSIBLY THE FAMOUS ALBERT CANAL.

Router reports that they have succeeded in effecting a crossing over the Meuse some miles north of Liege but the message does not state whether the crossing was effected north or south of the Albert Canal.

If the latter, as claimed by the Germans themselves, it would appear that the famous Albert Canal defences have been flanked and are therefore compromised.

Another Reuter message reports that the invaders have crossed the lower Albert Canal by a bridge which links the Maastricht Tongue highway with Maastricht.

Guarded By Famed Fort

This highway is guarded by the famous Ebenmael fortress which held out against the 1914 German invasion for nearly three weeks. The Germans claimed, yesterday, to have taken this fortress.

The crossing of the Meuse north of Liege was effected at the identical point where the Germans succeeded in pushing across the river just over a quarter of a century ago.

A later Reuter message reports that the enemy have had some success in the "Limberg Appendix" (where the Dutch, Belgian and German frontiers meet) and in the Maastricht area.

The fact that they are concentrating the brunt of their attack in this area would indicate that they are attempting to dislocate co-ordination between the Dutch and Belgian defence system.

Thrust Towards Sea?

Reuter's Military Correspondent states that the frontier here have always been regarded as indefensible from eastern attacks but points out that the Germans have not achieved any strategic surprise.

A thrust towards the sea between the Dutch and Belgian defences would, however, expose the German flank to attack from the south where the B.E.F. has now taken up its pre-arranged positions.

The Belgian Prime Minister, M. Paul Spaak, admitted to pressmen yesterday morning that the situation "is serious."

"We are faced by a great army," he said.

"A terrible battle is only to be expected."

"The Belgian Army is fighting with courage and Allied aid is already most effective."

"The Belgian Government is certainly not leaving Brussels: that is out of the question."

Lively Encounters

A Belgian communiqué says: "Lively encounters have taken place along the majority of the positions occupied by our troops who succeeded in standing their ground despite the action of enemy armoured units supported by aircraft."

"A French counter-attack against enemy motorised units was successful, a great number of enemy tanks being destroyed."

"An enemy attempt to cross the Albert Canal by boats failed."

"Numerous aerial bombardments were again carried out on the rear of our troops. Twenty aeroplanes were brought down in Belgium during the day."

T.U.C. Approves

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The action of the Labour leaders in joining the Government has been approved by a joint meeting of the Trades Union Council National Executive Parliamentary Labour Party.

A statement issued after the meeting records approval of the decision of the leaders "in their efforts to strengthen the machinery of Government for the purpose of bringing the war to a successful conclusion."

Parachutists Rounded Up
BRUSSELS, May 12 (Reuter).—The officials here are calm. Over 100 parachutists were dropped round Brussels this morning but they are dealt with.

There were several air raid warnings this morning and heavy detonations were audible from the centre of the city. Some thought they were not bombs but heavy artillery shells falling on the Belgian second defence line.

Refugees from the Albert Canal region are now appearing in Brussels. The city is quite calm despite the many rumours which are flying around.

Laws of War Violated

THE HAGUE, May 12 (Reuter).—The German invaders, both troops and parachutists, have been seen wearing Dutch uniforms, says a Government statement.

Protesting against this, the statement calls attention to Article Twenty-Three of the Hague Conven-

Officer Blows Himself Up With Bridge OFFICIAL STORY OF BELGIUM INVASION

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—Broadcasting to the Belgian people this evening, the Prime Minister, M. Lubert Pierlot, gave an account of the military situation "with all frankness and truth."

After saying that he trusted that public opinion would keep "that calm and firmness which is required by the circumstances," M. Pierlot said that on Friday the enemy was unable to penetrate Belgian territory at any point on any considerable scale.

Thorough demolitions immediately carried out everywhere along the frontier checked the enemy advance but yesterday north of the Albert Canal the enemy succeeded in crossing because the officer charged to destroy two bridges next to Maastricht was killed by an aerial bomb.

This caused a delay in carrying out the order with the result that the enemy occupied the two bridges and crossed them with motorised forces.

Heroic Sacrifice

Later, however, a Belgian Officer penetrated the German lines, reached the mine chambers and blew himself up with the bridge, heroically sacrificing his life in the accomplishment of his duty.

Thus the enemy had only one bridge left at his disposal. Across this he attacked Belgian troops with an enormous mass of tanks and aircraft.

Belgians Had To Withdraw
Despite the fierce resistance they offered, the Belgian troops had to withdraw as far as Tongres.

In the afternoon they counter-attacked with their motorised forces and aircraft, but although severe losses were inflicted on the enemy the Belgians could only bring his advance to a halt.

In the evening, the German advanced elements were near Vervens. During the whole time, the Belgian Command took all steps required by the situation.

Advance Checked

When the enemy reached the Belgian troops' new positions, they were stopped.

The latest report, added M. Pierlot, states that the enemy now were situated in the vicinity of M. Pierlot mentioned that about 100 German planes were brought down since the morning.

Big Nazi Losses

In continuing, M. Pierlot said the Belgians and Allies have taken part in important aerial engagements since morning and had inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

Many violent enemy attacks on the fortifications of Liege had been repulsed. The forts were covered with German corpses.

From various points on the right of the Meuse in the province of Luxembourg, superior enemy forces attacked the Belgian troops who, after resisting heroically, withdrew according to plan.

The French motorised forces had attacked the enemy in Luxembourg. Enemy parachutists had been dropped near Brussels and elsewhere. They were being rounded up and hunted down.

"Very Satisfactory"

"The Allied advance," he said, "is very satisfactory."

He asked his hearers not to believe any unfounded rumours, as for example, rumours that the Government intended to leave the capital. These rumours were absolutely false.

The Government asked the people not to lose their composure. "We have to bear the shock of this formidable army which is opposing us," he said, "but the military situation is not compromised. As was to be anticipated it is not free from difficult moments."

Be Confident, Exhortation

"It has been resorted to this is due to the speedy measures of the command which was executed by the troops with remarkable ability and energy."

He concluded by urging his hearers to follow the example of their gallant army which was valiantly fulfilling its duty.

"Be confident of victory," he said, "and with the help of our Allies we shall triumph."

tion which expressly forbids such an action. "This violation of the laws of war does not stand alone," added the statement. "The Germans have not hesitated to put captured Dutch soldiers into their front line."

Nazis Lose 100 Planes In Day

BRUSSELS, May 12 (Reuter).—More than one hundred German aeroplanes were shot down over Belgium to-day by the Allies air forces.

R.A.F. Take Toll

WITH THE B.E.F. SOMEWHERE IN FRANCE, May 12 (Reuter).—Seven German bombers before breakfast, and three enemy fighters this afternoon is the record achieved by the British Hurricane squadron manned by ex-auxiliary pilots, sometimes called "week-end" airmen.

The squadron only recently reached France but within 30 minutes of its arrival shot down a raiding Heinkel.

One pilot alone damaged four enemy aircraft. Three twin-engined Messerschmitts and a single-engine fighter were later destroyed. The other machines were so riddled with bullets that their safe return to Germany is considered extremely doubtful.

CALL FOR UNITY & COURAGE

Stirring Appeal By Primate

LONDON, May 12 (British Wireless).—Preaching at Canterbury Cathedral, the Archbishop of Canterbury made a stirring call to the nation for unity and courage in the face of the dangers which threaten it.

Referring to the fact that the full force of war might at any moment reach the people's own doors, His Grace said: "The hour has come. It has struck and with it comes the testing of the nation."

Challenge Thrown Down
"By the invasion of Belgium and Holland, following quickly on the invasion of Denmark and Norway, the ruler of Germany has thrown down a challenge to peace and freedom of the whole world. It is the spirit of the people that must rise to meet the challenge."

"Let the whole nation stand behind the King's forces on sea, land and in the air with indomitable and undaunted spirits."

"At the present momentous time in human history, can we doubt that the forces of evil, which are now breaking the peace of the world, overthrowing the freedom of nations and of free peoples, scornful truth, and trampling on justice and mercy are arrayed against everything we can conceive divine will and purpose to be?"

At the close of the address, the Archbishop led the congregation in prayer for the leaders of the Government, for the forces and for the peoples who have suffered bitterly from the invasion.

Given Benefit Of Doubt

Theft Charge Against Baby Amah

Leung Lau, 28, baby amah employed by Mr. A. E. P. Guest of 4 Embankment Road was this morning charged before Mr. E. Himsforth at the Kowloon Magistracy with theft of a blanket, the property of Mr. Guest. Her husband, Hung Hoi, 31, and Li Lau, a 38-year-old jade maker were charged with receiving the stolen property. The charge was withdrawn against Li and he was dismissed.

Sergeant Hill said a search picket was working in Reclamation Street on Saturday morning when Hung passed with a parcel under his arm. This was opened and a blanket with a European's name attached was found.

Given Blankets Previously
Mr. Guest said that no permission had been given to Leung to take the blanket out of the house. She had been employed by him for the past six years and had a very good character.

Leung said Mr. Guest's uncle had previously given her some blankets. She had no intention of taking the present blanket but had wrapped it up by mistake. She had given the blanket to her husband saying that he could use it if he felt cold but that afterwards, he was to wash and return it.

Mr. Guest said his uncle did give some blankets to Leung.

Mr. Himsforth: The blankets might have been mixed up? Mr. Guest: Very probable. Saying he was giving them the benefit of the doubt, Mr. Himsforth discharged Leung and her husband.

TO BE SHOT OUT OF HAND

PARIS, May 12 (Reuter).—It is officially announced that Germans wearing any other uniform than their own who may be found in France will be immediately shot.

Two Pedestrians Hurt
It was learned from the traffic authorities this morning that as the car crashed over the embankment, it knocked down two men, Chin Sung and Chan Kum, who were walking on the roadside in the same direction. These two men received slight injuries, while Mr. Douglas was not hurt.

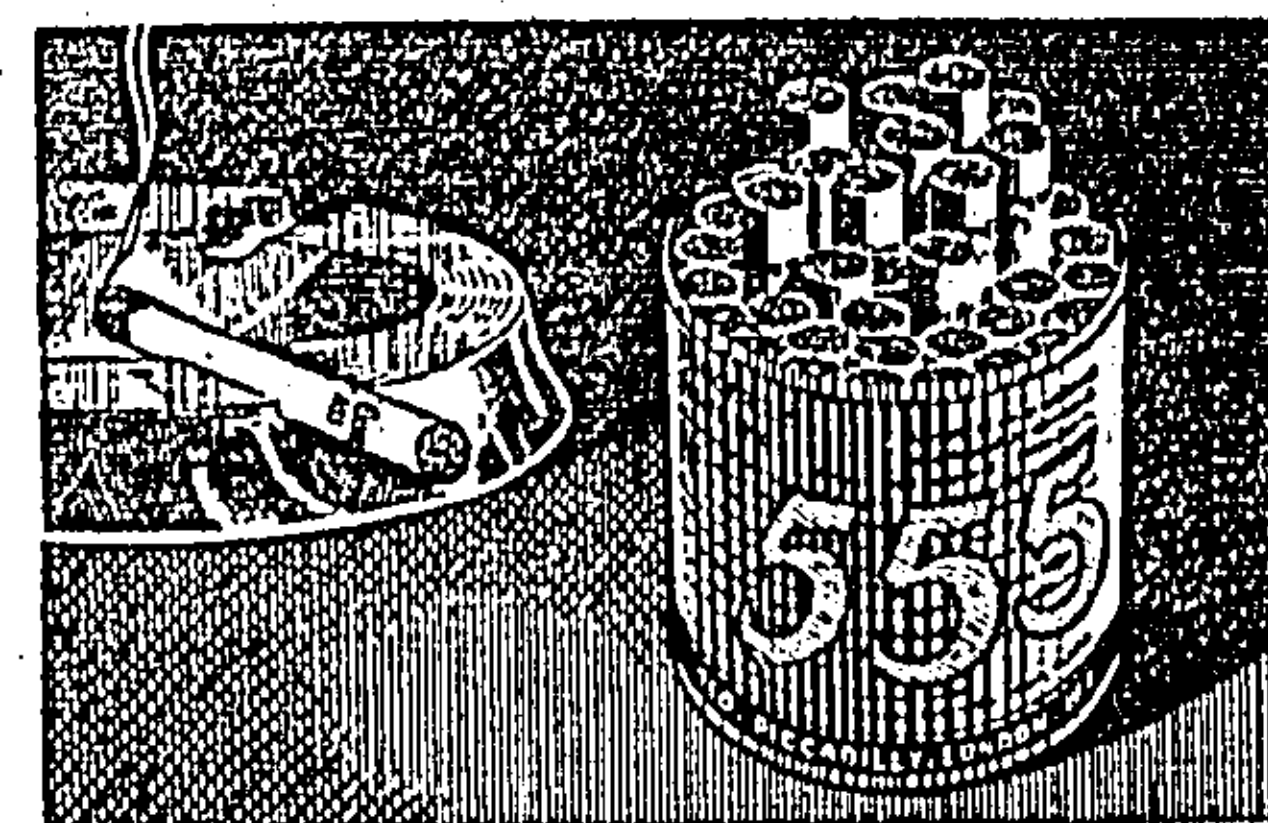
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PARISIENS WARNED OF PARACHUTE DANGER

PARIS, May 12 (Reuter).—The Military Governor of Paris has requested everybody to exercise the utmost vigilance and report promptly the appearance of any parachutists or enemy aeroplanes making attempted landings.

MO DAY MORNING COMMENTARY

EASTERN WIN RETURN CHARITY GAME

Brilliant Display By Navy Defenders: Forwards Lack Thrust

(By "Rex")

SOCCKER FANS were treated to an entertaining and instructive game yesterday at Causeway Bay, when Eastern met the Royal Navy in a return encounter and won by the narrow margin of two goals to one.

Eastern abandoned the frivolous play that marked their previous match, and were delightful to watch, especially their forward line. Royal Navy put up stiff resistance, in which their defence rose to new eminence in coping with the fast and tricky Eastern forwards.

For Navy, Robinson gave a peerless exhibition, and fully earned the warm appreciation of the attendant crowd, which cheered every spectacular save he made, and they were all really spectacular.

Roughly and Honeiwel covered themselves with honours, and, with the aid of their very capable half-back line, they were in a good position to stem the Chinese attacks. Roughly matched the nippy Chinese forwards for speed, and he hardly put a wrong foot to the ball throughout the game. I have every confidence that this player will gain representative honours for the coming season in his department.

Honeywell was the best of the Navy halves. He had the most thorough job of covering the Chinese left flank of C. T. Tsao and tricky Hau Ching-to, and he performed his task with doggedness. Nichols did not always stick to his man. He was more of the roving pivot, hence he

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING, GREEN ISLAND H'CAP

2nd Day—Monday, 13th May.
In view of the number of entries received for the above, it has been decided to divide the race into three sections.
The third section will be race No. 11 and run at 6.30 p.m.

A cash sweep, tickets \$5 each, will be held on this race but "All through" chances will not participate, and tickets can be purchased only at the Race Course during the Meeting.

By Order of the Stewards,
C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE FIFTH EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 11th and MONDAY, 13th May, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. on Saturday, and at 12.30 p.m. on Monday.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. on the First Day and at 12.00 NOON on the Second Day. The Time Interval will be after the second race (1.00 p.m.) on the Second Day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
The temporary green cardboard badges are now cancelled and will no longer procure admission to the Enclosure.

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 per day for Gentlemen and \$3.00 per day for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for Payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. on the First Day and at 10.45 a.m. on the Second Day. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th May, 1940.

Lean Afternoon For Favourites At First Day Of Whitsun Meet

GENERALLY SPEAKING the favourites had a lean afternoon with the result that there were three fat dividends over three figures at the first day of the Whitsun Meeting held last Saturday, West Lake paying \$222.20, Emergency Call \$207.50 and Amber II delighted her admirers with \$137.60.

Despite the heat coupled with the gathering of heavy clouds, the rain kept away and in the circumstance the grass track was in excellent condition, which Sapper took full advantage of the fast going to show his propelling powers.

With the able assistance of Mr. Donald Black (who was the leading jockey), the Chinese candidate won the main event, the Whitsun Plate, confined to Australian youngsters of this season in great style, beating his sister Far View by a length in record time of 1.42.3/5. Sapper therefore clipped one four-fifths seconds off the mile record of 1.44.2/5 established by Strathroy (Mr. Black) on April 18, 1938.

TO-DAY'S BIG EVENT

THE MOST IMPORTANT event of this afternoon will be the Whitsun Plate for China ponies over the champion course and the first prize is worth \$750 to the winner. To ensure a good classic event the Stewards put a full stop to the entry of Burford (champion pony) and Satinlight (champion jockey), but explanation has been offered for the non-entry of Confusion Bay. In his absence Mr. P. K. Li's colours will be represented by Dupont Bay, O-Lan and Oonagh. However, Ciember, the winner of St. George's Plate, will have to be at tip-top form to stave off the challenge of Craigavad, and the next contender is Eve of Harvest.

Taking everything in the balance I have a strong hunch that Mrs. J. H. Taggart's racer will earn another

bracket (his last win was a smart run in the Grifflins Spring Handicap) and the mount has been accepted by Mr. H. C. Pih, who does not require any formal introduction.

Another interesting bout will be seen in the Sharks Bay Handicap for Australian "A" class ponies over a mile. On Saturday's running Far View (it started) must win, but I am sure that the mare will spend a quiet afternoon in her stall chewing straw, and my best three are Many Thanks, Australian Diamond and Baffin Bay. Lancashire Chips is a good outsider.

Other events will not be devoid of the usual interest and close finishes. Two races will be contested before lunch and the first event after lunch will be run at 2.30 p.m., saddling bell being at two o'clock.

BANKERS COLLECT \$1,400 FOR CHARITY FUND

(By "Rex")

Eleven comprising employees of the Foreign and Chinese banking houses engaged in a friendly soccer match at Caroline Hill on Saturday, the latter team winning by four goals to three after an exciting battle, which had its amusing moments.

Proceeds of the match, including \$30 by auction of the ball which was bought by Mr. Tsui Ka-chong, sub-Manager of the Postal Bank, amounted to \$1,402.60, and is to be donated to the Friends of Wounded Chinese Soldiers Movement.

The Foreign banks' team was best served by Lee Hoi-chue (Mercantile Bank) at goal, and Hau Ching-to (Chase Bank) at inside-left, and later at centre-forward. Ability or luck, Lee gave a polished display to save time and again point blank shots; his diving saves being no less brilliant. Hau came in with some nice shots, and secured his hat-trick in the second half.

For the Chinese banks, Cheung Wing-choi (Postal Bank) played a good game in the first half, to keep the score blank, but in the second became less serious till three goals had been chalked up against him. Au Yung-sing (Manufacturers' Bank) gave an exceedingly good performance at left-wing, and was the best forward on view. Cheung Kam-hoi (Chung Yung-sum (Postal Bank and Eastern) took matters easy, and was not seen to any advantage. For the defence Mr. Shiu-fon (Bank of Canton) played a sounder game at full-back than Tsang Chung-wan (Central Bank and Eastern).

FOREIGNERS' ADVANTAGE

THE FOREIGN banks had the better of play in the first half, and the Chinese banks' goal was threatened. However, the forwards were unable to get the ball past Cheung, and in a sudden raid by the Chinese banks' forwards, V. Ribeiro was forced to concede a corner. From the corner, Chung Yung-sum obtained possession and tried three times before he could pass Lee to score the only goal for that half.

In the second half most of the players from both teams appeared to tire, and the fun commenced. Hau Ching-to struck up an understanding with Souza (Mercantile) on the left wing equalised and scored two further goals before the Chinese banks

Girls Appear In Unique Match

Probably the first game of its kind in the Colony was the curtain raiser for the Foreign versus Chinese Banks charity football match at Caroline Hill. Bank managers, sub-managers, chief clerks and clerks from the Chinese banks made up a team to play a girls' eleven composed of mostly basketball players. And the men very nearly lost the match!

In the first half the girls did not avail themselves of the concession allowed them, to use their hands, and were led three goals to one. In the second half they made full use of it and employed their hands to good advantage. The men were very much at a loss, and were very lucky to win four goals to three.

The girls' second goal was converted from a penalty for unfair tackling!

settled down to serious play. From the kick-off of the Foreign banks' third goal, Chung Yung-sum brought the ball through the Foreign banks' defence to beat a surprised Lee with a nice shot. Shortly after Cheung Kam-hoi tricked his way through the defence to beat Lee again for the Chinese banks' equaliser.

WINNING GOAL

THE WINNING GOAL came towards the end of the game when Cheung Kam-hoi again tricked the defence, carried the ball towards the right wing and centred for Au Yung-sing to culminate a fine performance with a first time goal giving the Chinese banks' victory.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Draft Programmes and Entry Forms for the Sixth Extra Race Meeting to be held on Saturday, 25th May, 1940 (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Exchange Building; the Club House, Happy Valley; the Hong Kong Club; the Sports Club; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Thursday, 10th May, 1940.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

"Capt. Foster" Selects The Following:

SELECTIONS BY "EARLY BIRD"

The following selections were made by "Early Bird" in the "S.C.M. Post":

SMUGGLERS HANDICAP

Arabian Cat
Lucky Eleven
Dow Jones

GREEN ISLAND H'CAP (FIRST SECTION)

Musketier
Hugbner
Oak Bay

WHITSUN PLATE

Craigavad
Clember
Dupont Bay

SHARK'S BAY H'CAP

Courting Eve
Australian Diamond
Vanity Fair

BEAUFORT HANDICAP

Silver Wings
Eve of Folly
Blue Field

LAMA HANDICAP (FIRST SECTION)

White Diamond
Jennifer
Rose Emily

MANLY HANDICAP

Fair Chance
Sydney Lad
Springhurst

GREEN ISLAND H'CAP (SECOND SECTION)

Blue Field
Jane Doe
Victoria

KILLARA HANDICAP

Princess Clara
Australian Prince
Catterick Bridge

LAMA HANDICAP (SECOND SECTION)

Peaceful View
Kling Kong
Blue Diamond

GREEN ISLAND H'CAP (THIRD SECTION)

Soldier of Britain
Scenic View
Celtic Star

DAILY DOUBLE

Silver Wings/Fair Chance

\$20,000 WON IN ONE RACE

Bimblech Beats Kentucky Derby Winner

BALTIMORE, May 12 (Reuter).—Colonel E. R. Bradley's odds-on Kentucky Derby failure, Bimblech, today won the Golden Jubilee Stakes, worth about £20,000 to the winner, beating Midland by three lengths, with Gallahadone, the Kentucky Derby winner, third. Bimblech's time for the one mile 1½ furlongs was 1 min. 58.3 secs.

Smugglers Handicap

Heddon
The Firress
Arabian Cat

Green Island Handicap (First Section)

Musketier
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Rose Flana

Whitsun Plate

Craigavad
Dupont Bay
Clember

Sharks Bay Handicap

Far View (if started)
Many Thanks
Australian Diamond
Baffin Bay

Beaufort Handicap

Rosson
Eve of Folly
Eve of Dancing

Lama Handicap (First Section)

Bear Claw
Jennifer
Jobber

Manly Handicap

Murrumbidgee
Sydney Lad
Triumph Day

Green Island Handicap (Second Section)

Victoria
Hillsboro Bay
Smashing Through

Killara Handicap

Catterick Bridge
Brown Derby
Maple Star

Lama Handicap (Second Section)

King Kong
Blue Diamond
Avon

Green Island Handicap (Third Section)

Soldier of Britain
Laughing Girl
Scenic View

Daily Double Event

Rosson/Murrumbidgee

Club de Recreo Win Sam White Bowls Shield

THE FIRST ANNUAL match for the Sam White Lawn Bowls Shield between the Club de Recreo and the Kowloon Bowling Green Club was played yesterday on the rinks of both clubs, and resulted in a win for the former Club by 207 shots to 199.

The presentation of the Shield was made by Mr. K. C. Hamilton, President of the Kowloon B.G.C., and the four cups presented by Mr. A. Hyde Lay and E. da Sousa went to B.

Saturday's Lucky Sweep Numbers

RACE NO. 1

No. 2442 \$1,380.00
No. 2483 225.80
No. 81 278.80
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3, 180, 623, 2373, 2507, 2602.

RACE NO. 2

No. 3010 \$2,032.00
No. 342 684.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1042, 1450, 933, 785.

RACE NO. 3

No. 3259 \$1,068.00
No. 3258 560.00
No. 3910 284.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3006, 2702, 228, 2060, 3504, 4075, 2020, 2840.

RACE NO. 4

No. 274 \$1,054.00
No. 3683 539.00
No. 2705 219.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3006, 2702, 228, 2060, 3504, 4075, 2020, 2840.

RACE NO. 5

No. 1170 \$2,122.00
No. 1782 600.00
No. 3780 233.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1505, 3703, 1170, 4224, 3023, 132, 2492.

RACE NO. 6

No. 1948 \$2,025.00
No. 2104 278.80
No. 4082 280.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1132, 3625, 2126, 904, 1482, 4000, 12, 1009, 1310.

RACE NO. 7

No. 2047 \$2,310.00
No. 2708 631.00
No. 1023 319.60
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 204, 2297, 3177, 3444, 2078, 1024.

RACE NO. 8

No. 250 \$1,935.50
No. 3791 553.00
No. 2123 270.50
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1340, 3420, 3600, 3450, 2100, 3608, 2020, 2510, 2745, 4234, 1708, 3990, 4017, 2750, 3042.

RACE NO. 9

No. 220 \$4,501.00
No. 3420 1,286.00
No. 3000 643.00
Unplaced ponies (\$100 each): Nos. 1031, 4010, 330, 2062, 2474, 2173.

P. Calderera Wins Cottage Club Hunt Cup

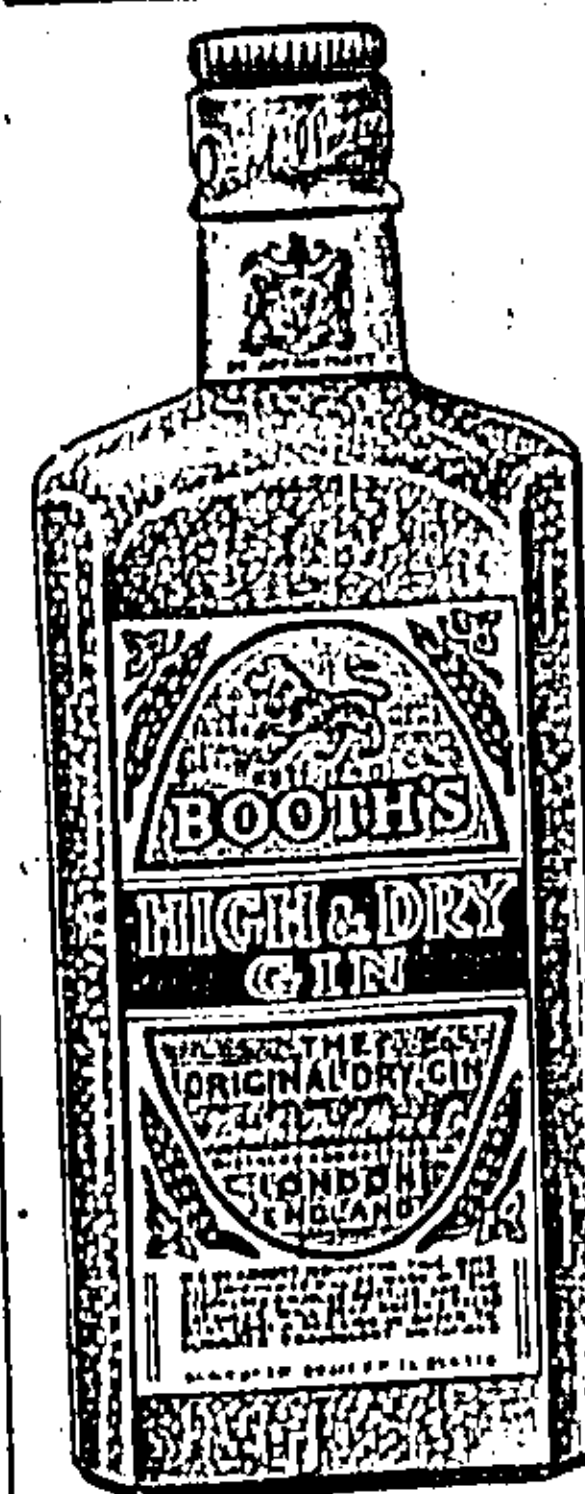
The Cottage Club paper-hunt on Saturday, for the "Flying Dutchman Cup" was won by P. Calderera, who has been three times a winner this season. Second and third were Captain F.P.R. James and F. Bondfield. The Ladies' Cup was annexed by Mrs. Christine Wyatt for the second time this season.

A good run was enjoyed from the border road, near Sheungshui, over grasslands and foothills, and finishing behind the Kowloon racecourse. The Army and Navy were represented, as well as the civilian element, and the run-in was hotly contested between three or four riders.

The Flying Dutchman himself, who had suffered an accident last week and was unable to compete, presented the cups to the winners and warmly congratulated them on their achievement.

Basto's rink for the highest score of 28 shots.

G. Sheriff's rink received the "wooden spoons."



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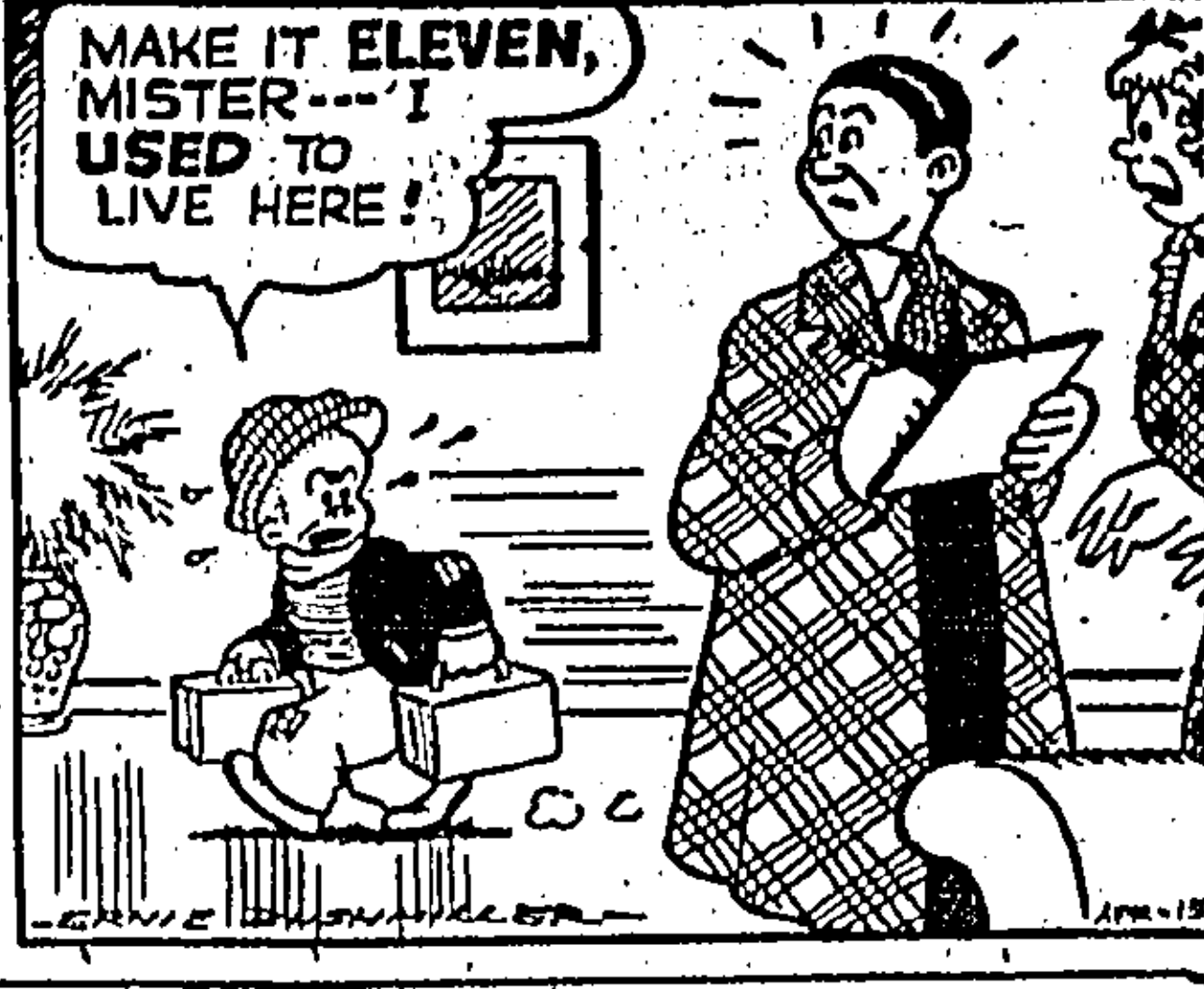
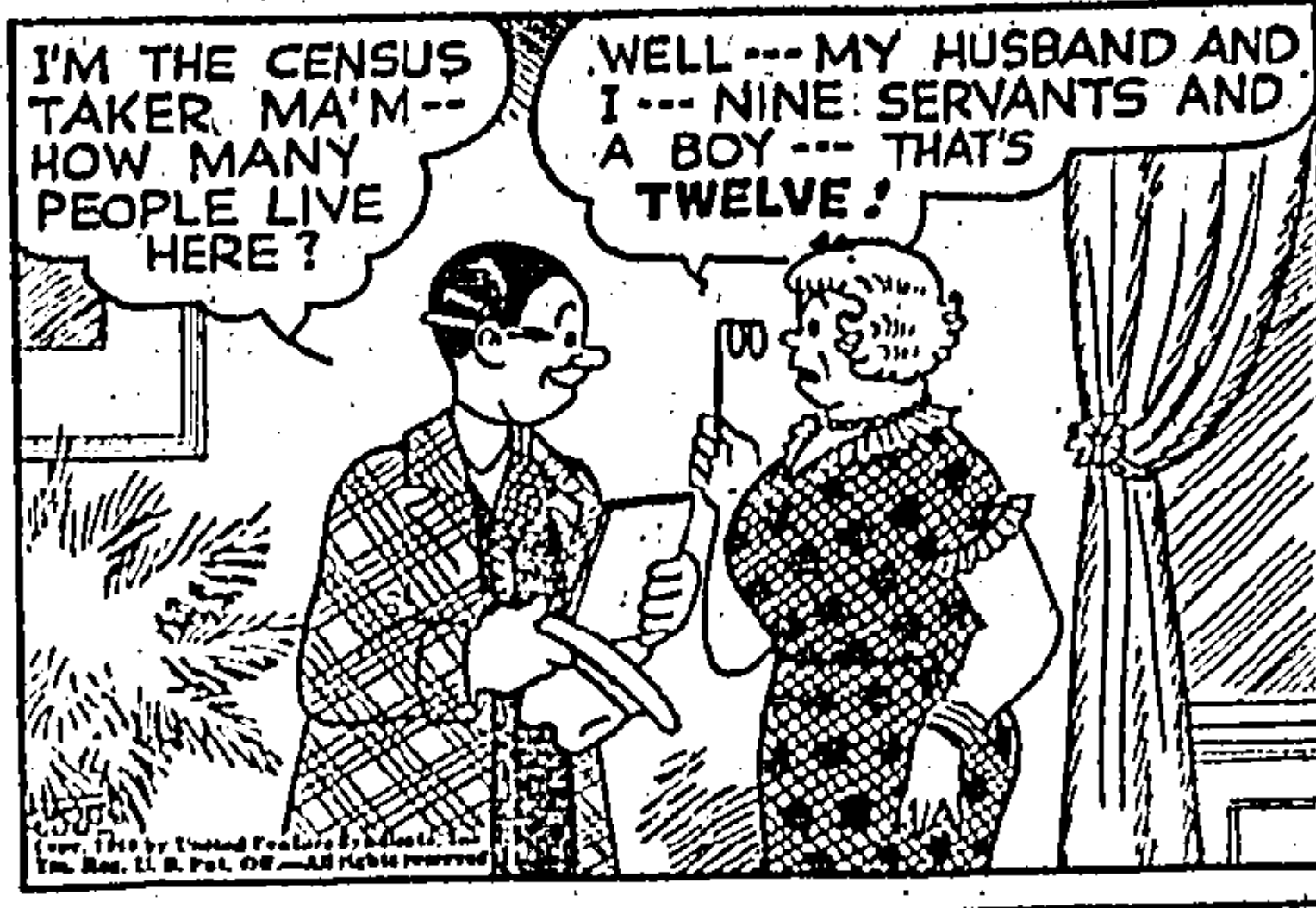
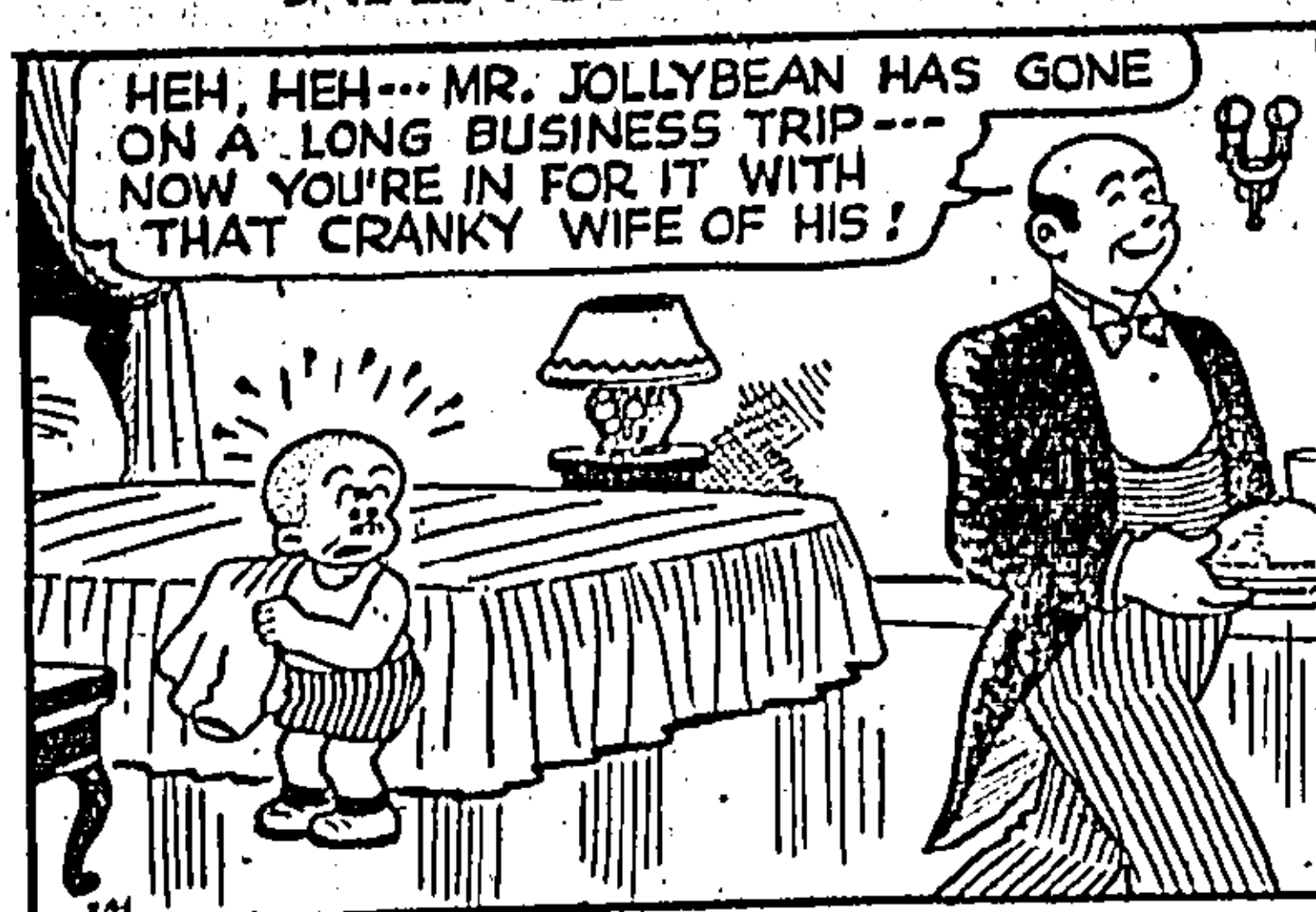
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By Ernie Bushmiller



Two Women And A Boy Die From Terrible Chopper Wounds

WHITSUN TRAGEDY AT WEST POINT

THREE PEOPLE, two women and a boy, are dead as a result of terrible chopper wounds, alleged inflicted as a result of an attack upon them in a house at Hei Wo Terrace, West Point, last night.

The Police believe that the tragedy was the outcome of a domestic quarrel.

When the Police arrived on the scene they found 85-year-old Au Sze, and Chiu Yik-wah, a 11-year-old boy, dead, with their heads and bodies horribly mutilated with chopper wounds.

Dies In Hospital

They also discovered another woman, Lam Hin-kwai, aged 32, suffering from severe injuries to the head. She was still alive, but she died early this morning at the Queen Mary Hospital.

FATAL FALL

Overbalancing when drying clothes over the verandah balcony of her home, No. 4 Pak Tai Street, yesterday, Tung Yui-keung, married woman, suffered severe injuries from which she died in the Kowloon Hospital.

Kwan Lai-chum, a 31-year-old woman is being detained in the observation ward of the Queen Mary Hospital, suffering from a wound to her left hand.

City Building Ablaze

Occupants Escape To Safety

Fire gutted a three-storied building in Hillier Street, city district, early this morning, but so far as is known, there were no casualties.

The premises affected were No. 5 Hillier Street, and the blaze broke out in the rear of the building. It rapidly spread to the upper floors, causing the roof to collapse.

The alarm was raised in time, and all the occupants were able to make their escape to safety. The premises were used as a shop and dwelling. The cause of the fire is unknown.

Fell Over Cliff: Man Dies

An unknown Chinese, aged about 34, was found near the Tai Po Ferry Station, New Territories, yesterday. The man had apparently fallen over a cliff, and had suffered head injuries. He was sent to Kowloon Hospital, where he died this morning.

JAPANESE SUFFER MAJOR DISASTER

THE JAPANESE drive on Siangyang, from Hupeh and Honan which gained some initial success early in the month has turned into one of the major disasters of the Sino-Japanese war, says a "Central News" message from Fancheng.

As a result of this debacle, the Japanese ambition to clear Chinese field forces in north Hupeh and south Honan, and to extend their control to the upper reaches of the Han River has been definitely shattered.

Sheet Of Flame Burns Stoker

While starting a fire in a boiler on board the steam launch Ah Ho in the harbour yesterday, Chan Fo, 30, stoker, was burned on the face, neck and hands when a sudden sheet of flame shot out and caught him. He was treated in the Queen Mary Hospital.

Also admitted to hospital, suffering from burns, was Choi Yu-kan, a woman. She suffered her injuries while cooking her evening meal in her home in Bay View.

20,000 Troops Wiped Out

An authentic checking-up shows that on Saturday and Sunday some 20,000 Japanese, comprising about 60 scattered units along their extended lines, were rounded up and wiped out in a sweeping counter-drive by the Chinese on all sectors.

It is also claimed that one of the greatest hauls of the war was reaped. This haul, it is stated, consists of 64 armoured trucks, 333 motor cars, 52 field guns, over 2,000 war horses, a countless number of rifles and a large quantity of ammunition.

Field despatches from Tsaoyang, Tungpei, Tangho, Sinyeh and other centres of operation report that hundreds of dead and wounded Japanese soldiers were picked up by the Chinese. West of Sinyang, the base of Japanese operations, 4,000 Japanese were surrounded at Miyang and "practically wiped out."

Chinese Onslaughts

Chinese advance troops are reported to have reached points only a few miles from the outskirts of Sinyang. The Japanese are rushing reinforcements from Yingshan.

Repeated Chinese attacks have resulted in the capture of a number of strategic points around Suhsien, in north Hupeh. These points include Chunchuan, Anchu, Huanan and Mapiang.

It is stated that with their rear cut off, the Japanese forces operating in north Hupeh have been experiencing extreme difficulty in obtaining their supplies and have resorted to the use of planes. However, the supplies dropped from these planes have mostly been captured by the Chinese.

Japanese Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CHUNGKING, May 12 (UP).—The fighting in Central China has developed into one of the biggest Chinese victories of the war as an additional 20,000 Japanese casualties were reported from the Miyang, Tsaoyang, Chungshiang and Suhsien sectors between yesterday noon and up to late this afternoon.

Adding these to the previous 30,000 Japanese casualties which have already been reported, the invaders have suffered the loss of 50,000 men, or one third of the Japanese troops operating in that area.

The report said that the Japanese defences everywhere have crumbled, due partly to the vigorous Chinese attacks and partly to the fast dwindling ammunition and supplies. A big effort is now being made to send up supplies to the front.

Brutal Nazi Methods

Helpless Civilians Machine-Gunned

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—German airmen appear to be carrying out a campaign of frightfulness at the expense of the Belgian civilians, says "Reuter's" special correspondent with the B.E.F. in Belgium.

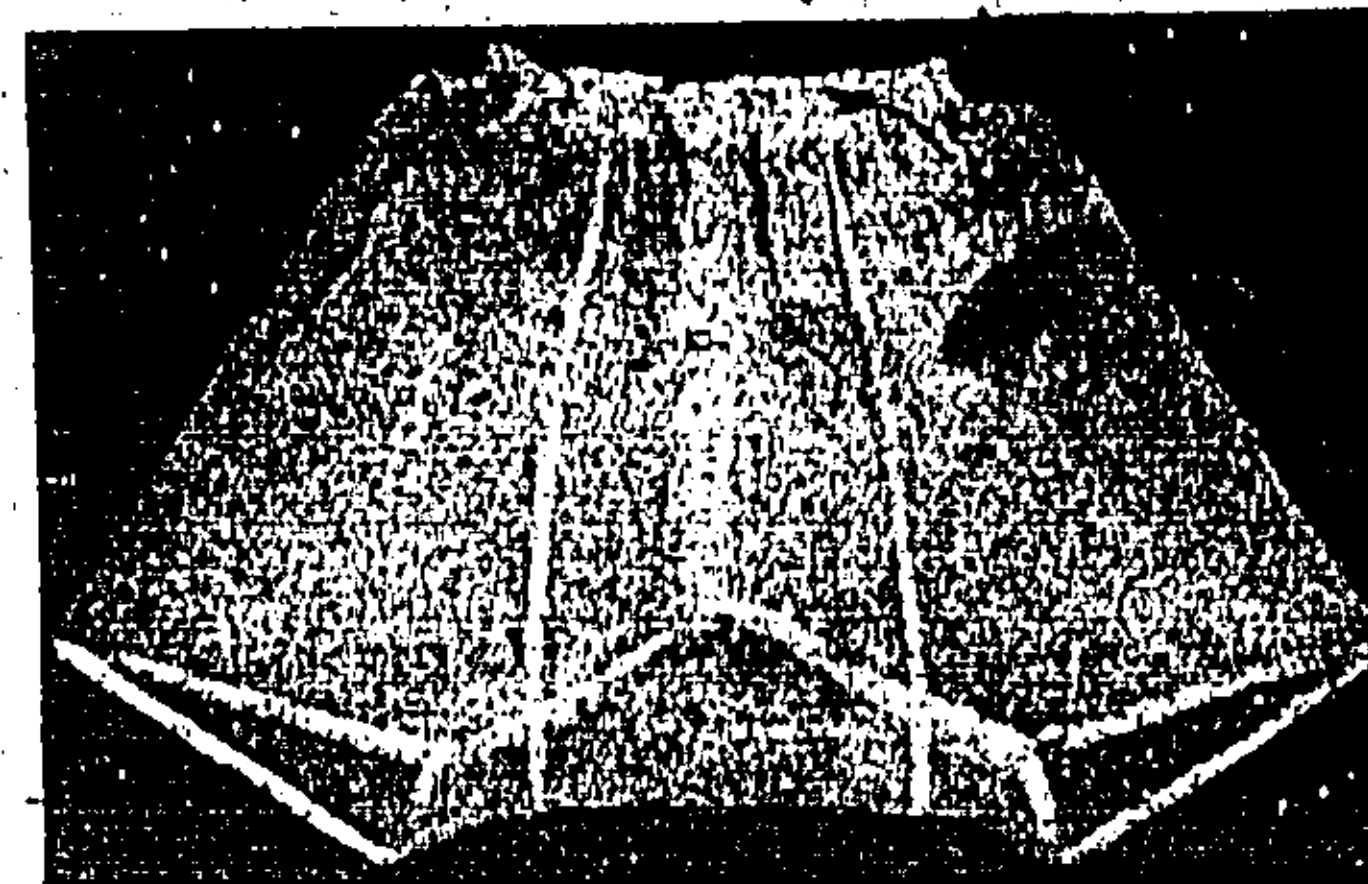
"Two examples of this were given me to-day," he says "by an eye-witness who can be regarded as an impeccable source. In the first case several German aircraft flew just over the housetops of a large Belgian town and went up and down over one of the principal streets firing machine-guns."

Attacked In Motor Cars

"The second case happened on a country road where three private motor cars, obviously not military vehicles, were travelling. The cars were filled with refugees including women and children. Two German warplanes dived down and dropped a bomb which uprooted a tree, which crashed across the road."

"The cars were forced to pull up and the German planes dived down and riddled the cars with machine-gun bullets."

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Fatal Tram Accident

Numerous traffic accidents were reported yesterday from different districts of the Colony, including one which ended fatally.

An unknown Chinese, travelling on a tramcar alighted from the third class compartment while the car was still in motion in King's Road near the Cathay Hotel, and fell. He suffered severe injuries to the head, and was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital, but was found to be dead upon arrival.

A 12-year-old boy, Ho Fong, who tried to steal a ride on a tramcar in Des Voeux Road West, missed his footing and fell. He was admitted to

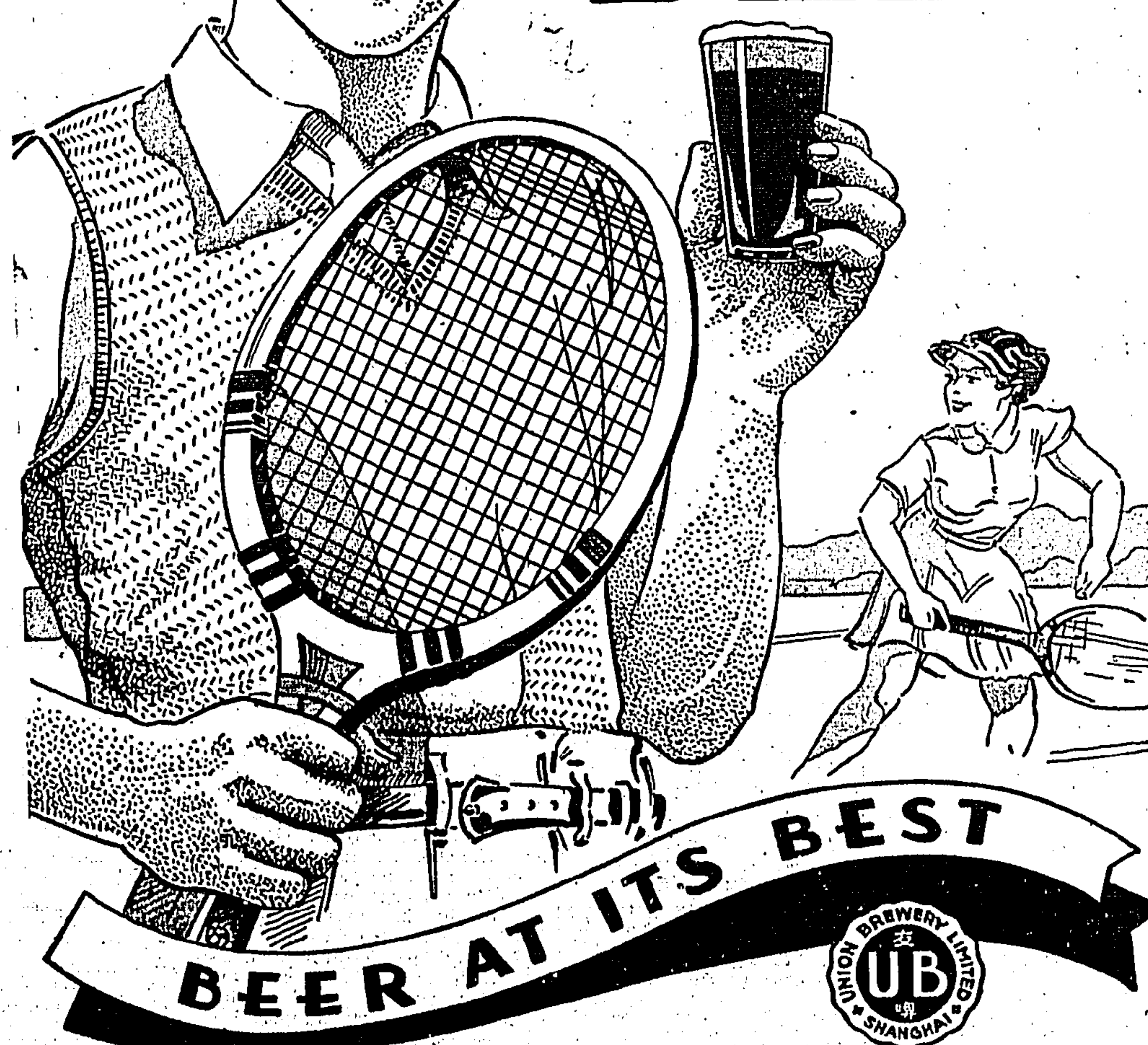
Harbour Rescue

A 22-year-old woman, Yeung Chuen, was rescued from the harbour by Fan Kam, seaman of the ferry launch Man Ching, after she had jumped overboard from the ferry launch Man Hing off the Kowloon City Pier yesterday. She was taken to hospital, suffering from the effects of immersion.

the Queen Mary Hospital with injuries to his right temple.

A woman, Lam Yuk-chi, 49, was knocked down by a lorry driven by Lai Sau-he, in Pokfulam Road. She ran across the road with a load of wood on her shoulders, when she was struck. She was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with serious injuries.

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MUSSOLINI'S AIR TOUR

Pilots Plane During
Long Inspection

ROME, May 12 (Reuter).—Signor Mussolini spent some hours to-day and yesterday piloting his three-engined bombing plane on a tour of inspection that reached as far as Monte Circeo in southern Rome, the Pontine marshes and Ostia. The announcement says that he was inspecting the railway plant and lines.

The Duce to-day received Marshal Graziani, Chief of the Army Staff, General Soddia, Under-Secretary of State for War, and General Pinor and Guzzoni.

The last two have been charged with perfecting the defences on the western frontier in the Littorio Alps. Reports are circulating that new classes have been called to the colours by individual summonses.

COMMUNIST CHIEF IN HITLER'S SERVICE

TWO leading Czech Communists who fled from their country when Hitler marched in, and have since been staying in Moscow as the guests of Stalin, have returned to Nazi-occupied Prague.

Their names are Gottwald and Scherzner, and they have returned with the full knowledge and permission of the Nazi authorities.

They have undertaken by Stalin's orders the task of carrying on anti-French and anti-British propaganda among the Czech people.

Hand in Glove
This is only one instance of the carefully co-ordinated Nazi-Soviet propaganda and espionage organization which is already working in many countries.

The effect of this work can be felt even in London, where many Czech Communists who were admitted to this country as refugees have withdrawn their earlier offers to volunteer for the Czech Legion.

Now they declare that they will not fight in an "imperialist war." Other striking examples of the closeness of German-Russian collaboration have been given me by quarters well informed about affairs inside Germany.

They point out that more than 30,000 Russian workers are already working in Germany and undergoing training as engineers and metal workers.

Advance Guard
But they form only an advance guard of the Soviet Labour students who are to come in much greater numbers to Germany.

It is well known all over Germany that the number of Russians there is increasing, although no mention has been made of it either in the Nazi newspapers or the radio.

Rumour exaggerated their numbers to such an extent that a frequent remark heard is: "There are Russians all over the place these days."

The number of German experts who have gone to Russia is small.

News Of Nazi Planes

The Dutch radio at short intervals since 5 a.m. broadcast Dutch Air Ministry warnings of the presence of German planes in many localities. Nearly all the planes sighted were flying from south-east to north-west. Two groups of German machines were seen over Amerongen. Eighteen German planes flew over the island of Texel at an altitude of only 300 feet. Eight Heinkel flew over Nieuwkruisland.

The Brussels radio gave a warning early in the morning that 31 German bombers were sighted over Acht, flying in a westerly direction. —Reuter.

Disguised Parachutists
Amsterdam, May 12.
German parachutists disguised as clergymen, peasants and in Dutch uniforms have been arrested in several towns in Holland. A detachment of Dutch soldiers was attacked to-day near The Hague by a group of "Dutchmen" who proved to be German soldiers. —Reuter Bulletin.

More Parachutists
Brussels, May 12.
Hundreds of German parachutists landed in the suburbs of Brussels during the night. Nearly all of them have now been rendered harmless. About 40 German planes were brought down in Belgium yesterday. The German parachutists are now carrying dummies with them when they jump. As soon as they land the dummies laid on the ground give the impression that the Germans are dead and the parachutists escape. —Reuter Bulletin.

FOR "WORLD'S BEST WIFE"

To "the best wife in the world," Commander Hugh Bouchier Wrey, R.N., of Park-lane, London, W., who died at Hove, Sussex, in January, leaves the whole of his estate of £10,000. The will was made by Commander Wrey nearly eleven years ago.

He grants all the property to his wife, Mrs. Ruth Wrey of Park-lane, "as a slight token of my love and esteem for the best wife in the world."

RED KIMONO GIRL WEDS

THE famous Reno, Nevada, "girl in the red kimono," who single-handed broke up a huge international dope ring, married the Sheriff who once sent her to prison.

The bride was Joyce McAllister, twenty-eight, who first came to Reno for divorce, writes a New York correspondent. She was molested for passing worthless cheques, and was placed in the same cell as Isabel McCracken, a drug addict.

Police suspected that McCracken was in contact with a powerful underworld dope syndicate, but they could not make her talk. Joyce, however, gained the woman's confidence by easing her sufferings when deprived of drugs. When Joyce was released she continued to visit McCracken and took her gifts.

Finally the addict gave Joyce money and pleaded with her to go to a certain dark alley and give a secret password and buy cocaine.

Joyce learned that the dope ring preyed on young students, and she vowed to smash the syndicate at the cost of her life.

Posing as an addict she cleverly secured the confidence of criminals who knew her as "the girl in the red kimono."

On the evidence Joyce secured, all the leaders of the gang were jailed. She was helped in her investigations by Sheriff Roy Root, who had jailed her on the cheque charge, and their wedding sealed their partnership.

LATE NEWS

RACE RESULTS

SMUGGLERS HANDICAP.—For China ponies, "B" Class. Jockey allowance. One mile. Sunnyside The Tigress, (L. D. Chao) 1 Mrs. B. Hall's Gog, 147 lb. (V. V. Nedra) 2 Hope's Dow-Jones, 140 lb. (S. L. Yuen) 3
Time: 2:08.2.
Won by head; the same.
Par-mutuel: Winner \$58.20. Places \$18.00; \$12.00; \$10.40.
13 starters.

GREEN ISLAND HANDICAP.—First Section. For China ponies, "C" Class. Winners at this meeting, barred. Jockey allowance. From the 1 1/2 mile post (about half mile 170 yards).
Eu Tong-ten's Ransom, 108 lb. (C. Foy) 1 Marber's Hughter, 159 lb. (W. C. Chao) 2 Mrs. Stanton's Oak Bay, 103 lb. (D. A. Proulx) 3
Won by length and half; two lengths.
Par-mutuel: Winner \$17.60. Places \$2.70; \$2.70; \$18.50.
10 starters.

WHITSUN PLATE.—A handicap for China ponies. Ponies classified "A" Class that have won \$5,000 or more in stakes since 1st January, 1940, barred. One and a quarter miles.
1. EVE OF HARVEST.
2. CRAIGAVAD.
3. L. J. L. J.
Won by 1 1/2 lengths; 1 1/2 lengths.
Time: 1:43.2 (a record).
Par-mutuel: Winner \$43.70. Places \$7.10; \$6; \$7.10.

SHARKS BAY HANDICAP.—For Australian subscription ponies, "A" Class. Winners at this meeting, barred. Jockey allowance. One mile.
1. COUNTING EVE.
2. BAFIN BAY.
3. VANITY FAIR.
Won by 2 1/2 lengths; 1 1/2 lengths.
Time: 1:43.2 (a record).
Par-mutuel: Winner \$43.70. Places \$12.00; \$12.00; \$7.00.

CASH SWEEPS

RACE 1 \$1,485.40
No. 2049 20 424.40
"1109 212.20
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 905, 1750, 3230, 605, 832, 2553, 3376, 1763, 1034, 7.
RACE 2 \$1,486.00
No. 1160 2 424.00
No. 1692 2 424.00
No. 970 2 424.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 3227, 2030, 108, 2760, 1701, 2110, 615, 3421, 232, 2423, 2560, 60, 2004.
RACE 3 \$1,919.00
No. 609 540.00
No. 3208 540.00
No. 977 274.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 1631, 1787, 202, 2012, 1530, 1633.
RACE 4 \$1,804.20
No. 847 541.20
No. 3231 541.20
No. 323 274.00
Unplaced ponies (\$50 each): Nos. 2467, 1027, 2350, 768, 2135, 2041, 635, 1055, 3212, 315, 3125, 3241.

SITUATION REVIEWED

Blitzkrieg Not A Success

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—After eight months of waiting, the most likely form of German offensive of all those we have been considering and generally discussing has been launched, comments Captain Cyril Falls, the Military Correspondent of "The Times."

The Low Countries have as big a significance to-day as at any time in military history. It is against them that Germany has moved.

The Allied Command are as ready as one can ever hope them to be. So are Holland and Belgium.

Alternative Schemes
Captain Falls said that a large number of defence schemes had been drawn up in view of the various alternatives so that possibly they could act at once on receipt of a code-word.

He thought it quite likely that the present situation lies under the head of Eventuality No. 1. Both the Allies and their intended victims must have given thought to the use of parachute troops and troop planes designed to seize positions behind the main defences generally by confusion. They had also thought of the bombing of communications.

So far he said, these have constituted the main feature of the war, but the news so far did not suggest that there have been any of the mass infantry assaults of the last war.

German Intentions
The intention of the German Command seemed to be to weaken the framework of defence to the greatest possible extent.

The Germans had not yet put forth any tremendous efforts except in the air.

Their hands were free to make any alterations in their plans.

So while all this looks like a crisis—especially as France has been bombed heavily and the Allies have been bombing military objectives in Germany, even now things might take an unexpected form.

If the Germans go all out their most likely form seems to be a drive through southern Holland, south of the main winter defences to the sea. This would cut Holland off from Allied help.

The Germans would then try to over-run the country and establish air bases for use against Britain.

Parachute Attack Fails
We had not been under-estimating this danger, he said, but the capture of aerodromes to establish them as air bases would be a different matter. He did not think it too much to say that the parachute attacks so far did not seem to have been as successful as they might have expected.

They were less suitable in thickly populated countries than they were in Norway.

Pulling Down Our Trees
Three Men To Be Expelled

Telling the defendants that if they could not live in Hongkong without breaking the law by pulling down the Colony's trees they would not be allowed to remain, Mr. Hunsworth at the Kowloon Magistrate's court, sent three men to gaol and also ordered them to be expelled from the Colony.

The three men were arrested with tree wood in their possession in the Shamshuipo district on Saturday, and they told the Court they had neither work nor money.

Wong Cheuk, 37, was charged with unlawful possession of 38 catties of tree wood and was sentenced to a month's imprisonment, plus an expulsion order. Lung Cheun, 30, had 15 catties of wood and was given six weeks' imprisonment and ordered to be expelled. Li Hop, 41, had 55 catties of wood and was also given a month's imprisonment and ordered to be expelled.

Other Cases
Also arrested by the Shamshuipo Police, Lam Sam-chau, 31, was charged with unlawful possession of 26 catties of tree wood and he was fined \$10 or a month's hard labour. Lam said he had been in Hongkong for 10 years and had clannish here.

On charges of damaging a growing tree, valued at \$15, at No. 9 Government Plantation, Tai-po Road, and trespassing on the plantation, Lau Kei, 40, was fined \$35 or six weeks' hard labour by Mr. E. Hunsworth.

BAN ON FASCIST, RED PAPERS
LONDON, May 12 (British Wireless).—The sending abroad of the "Daily Worker," the Communist Party daily newspaper, and "Action," the Fascist publication, has been prohibited on the grounds that they "are well-known to make a practice of publishing allegations which create in the minds of neutrals misapprehensions about British policy."

YUGO-SLAVIAN BORDER CLOSED
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
BERLIN, May 12 (Domel).—The German Government has now closed the Yugo-Slavian frontier.

Similar action was taken along the Hungarian frontier yesterday.

No traffic is permitted in either direction with Hungary or Yugo-Slavia.

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King George Thanked

Moving Replies From Allied Monarchs

LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—The Queen of the Netherlands has sent a message of thanks to King George for his message, "proving that in this moment of grave tribulation, Your Majesty's people throughout the British Empire are ready and anxious to give us all possible moral and material support."

The Queen expressed happiness that the British and Dutch peoples, fleets and armies "are fighting side by side against ruthless aggression. I feel certain that the cause of freedom and justice will triumph in the end."

A similar message was sent by the Queen to the French President.

King Leopold's Message
LONDON, May 12 (Reuter).—His Majesty the King has received the following message from the King of the Belgians:

"Your Majesty's far-reaching and encouraging message has touched me deeply. It brings to me in the grave hour through which my country is passing valuable proof of the fidelity of the British people to their pledged word."

"The course which Belgium is defending is sacred to my countrymen and I share the unshakable confidence which your message expresses in the free and independent future of our two countries."

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